



### AT THE GATES OF VALHALLA

JANE FOSTER, THE MIGHTY THOR, DIED SAVING THE ASGARDIANS FROM A MONSTER CALLED THE MANGOG. BUT WITH THE COMBINED POWER OF THE ODINSON, ODIN AND THE MOTHER STORM—THE SENTIENT TEMPEST THAT HAD INHABITED MJOLNIR—JANE CAME BACK TO LIFE. NOW SHE HAS A FIGHTING CHANCE AGAINST HER CANCER...AND THE ODINSON HAS A CHANCE AT WORTHINESS AS HE REGAINS HIS MANTLE.

FOR THERE MUST ALWAYS BE A THOR.

#### THE TOMORROW GIRLS

IN THE FAR FUTURE, THOR RULES ASGARD AND HAS THREE GRANDDAUGHTERS—FRIGG, ELLISIV AND ATLI. THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE GODDESSES OF THUNDER.

#### THE LORD OF THE REALMS

MALEKITH, THE KING OF THE DARK ELVES, AND HIS DARK CABAL ARE WAGING WAR ACROSS THE TEN REALMS, AND WITH THE ASGARDIANS WOUNDED AND SCATTERED, NOW IS HIS TIME TO STRIKE.

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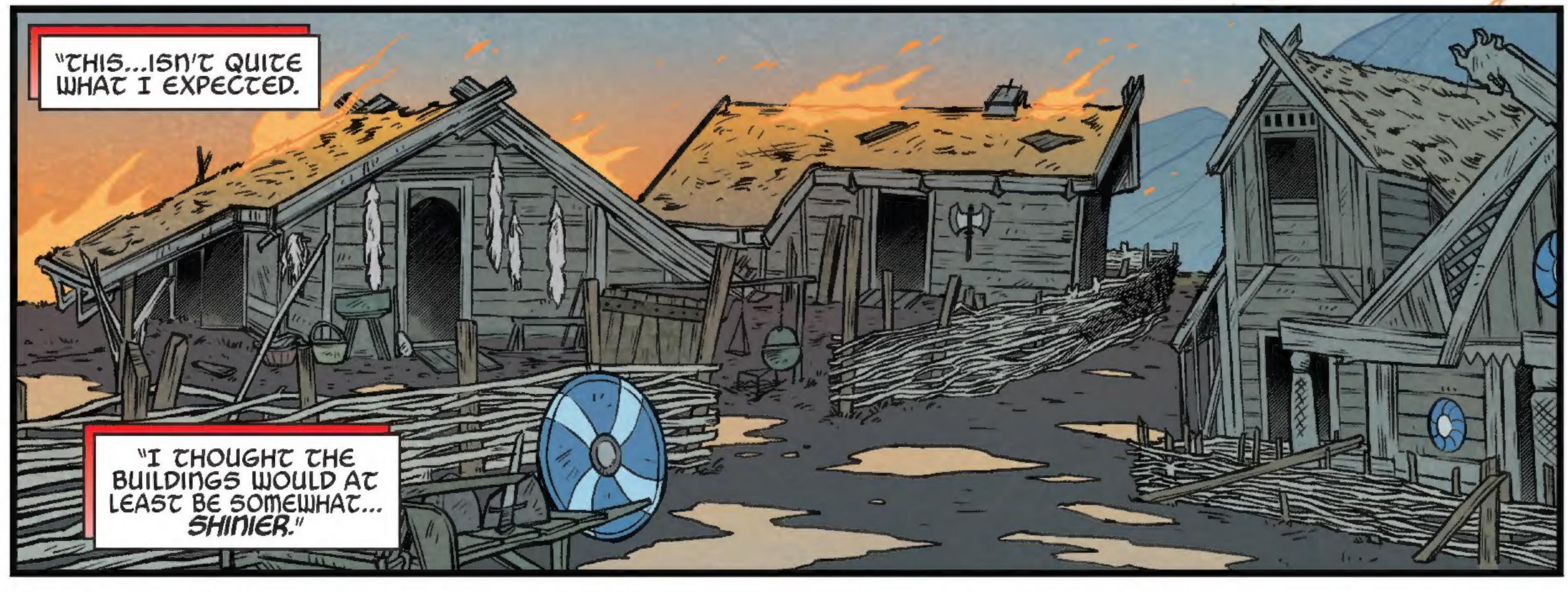
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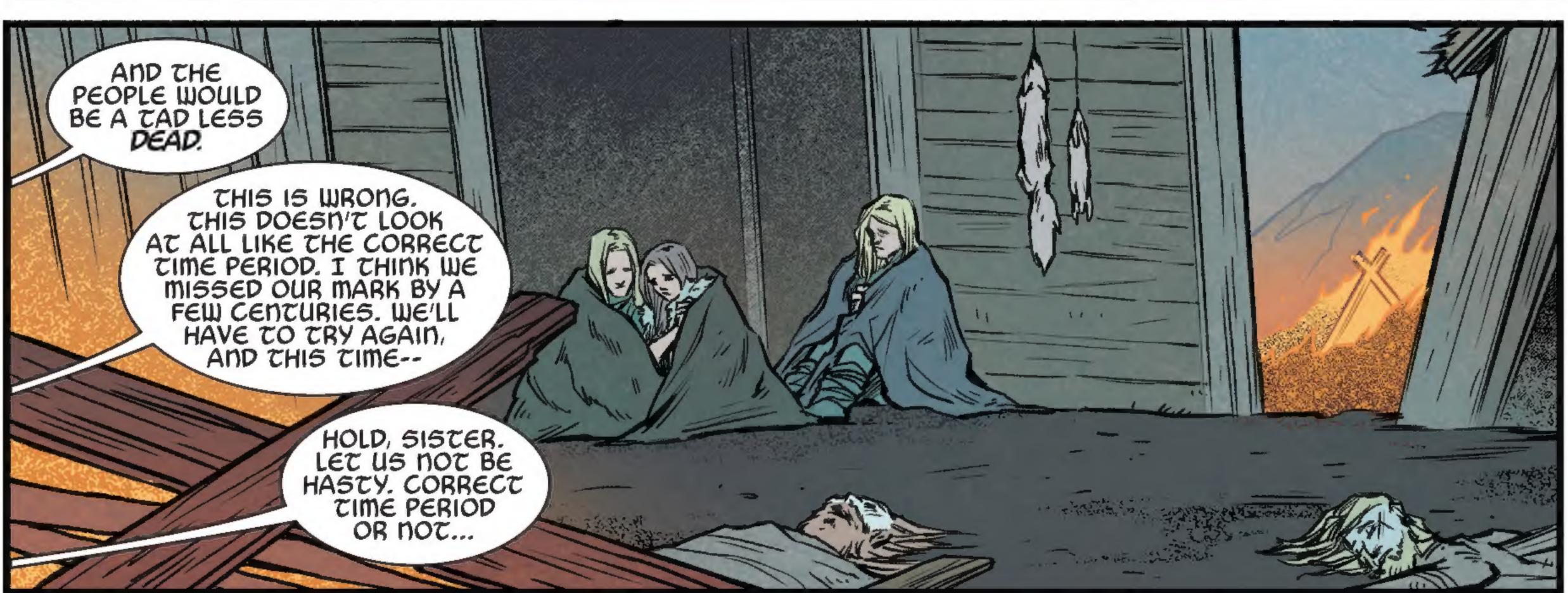
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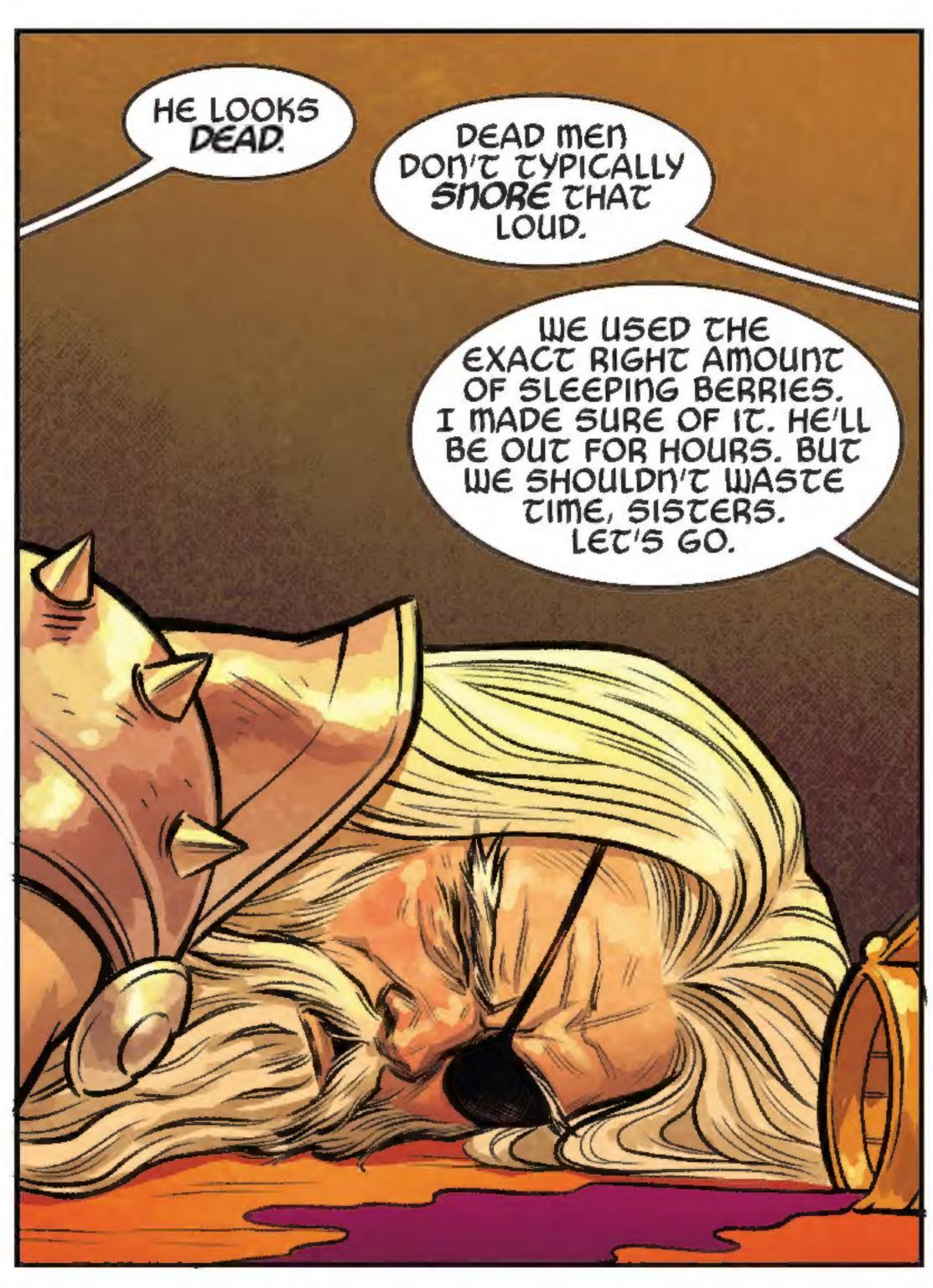


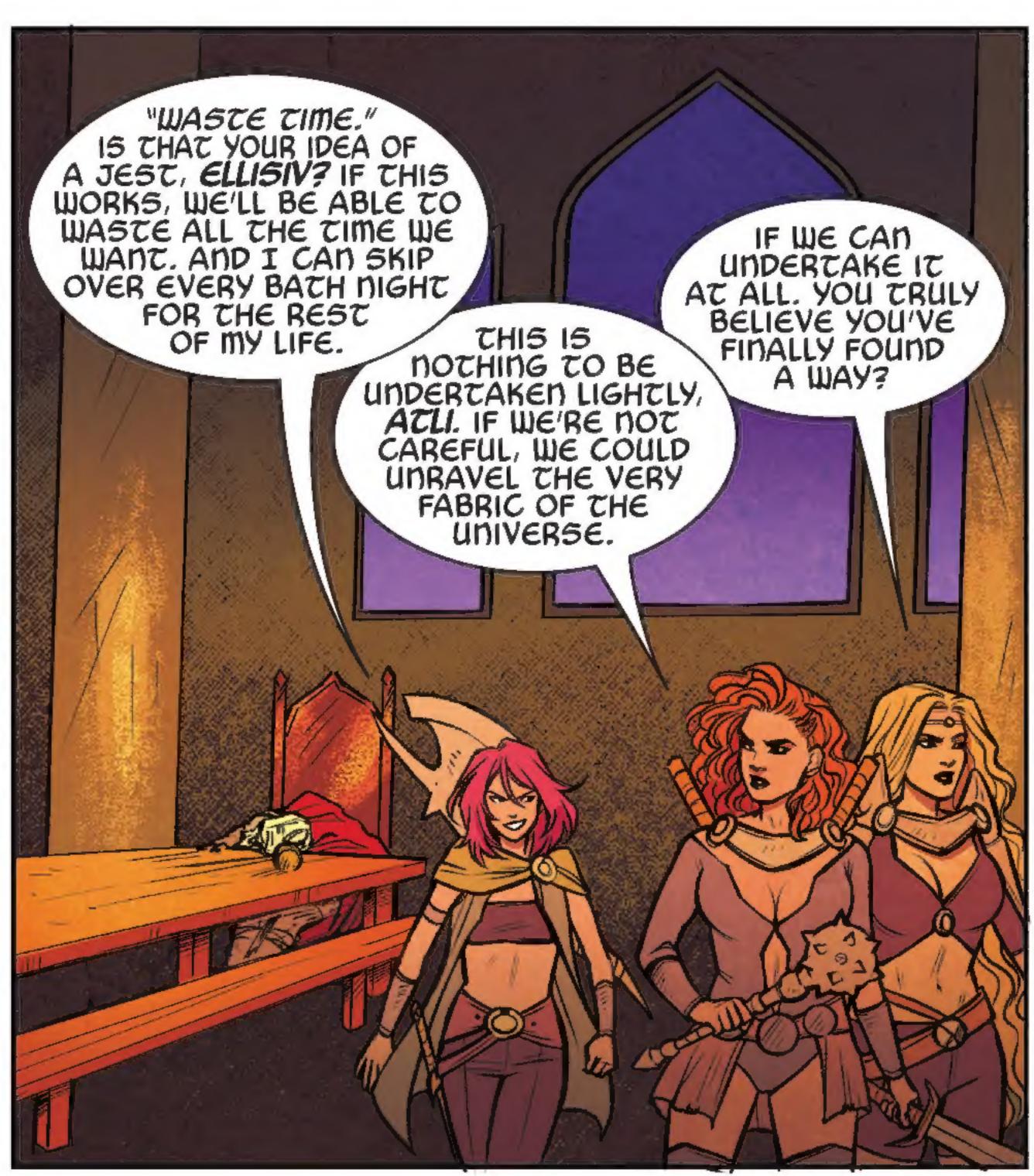


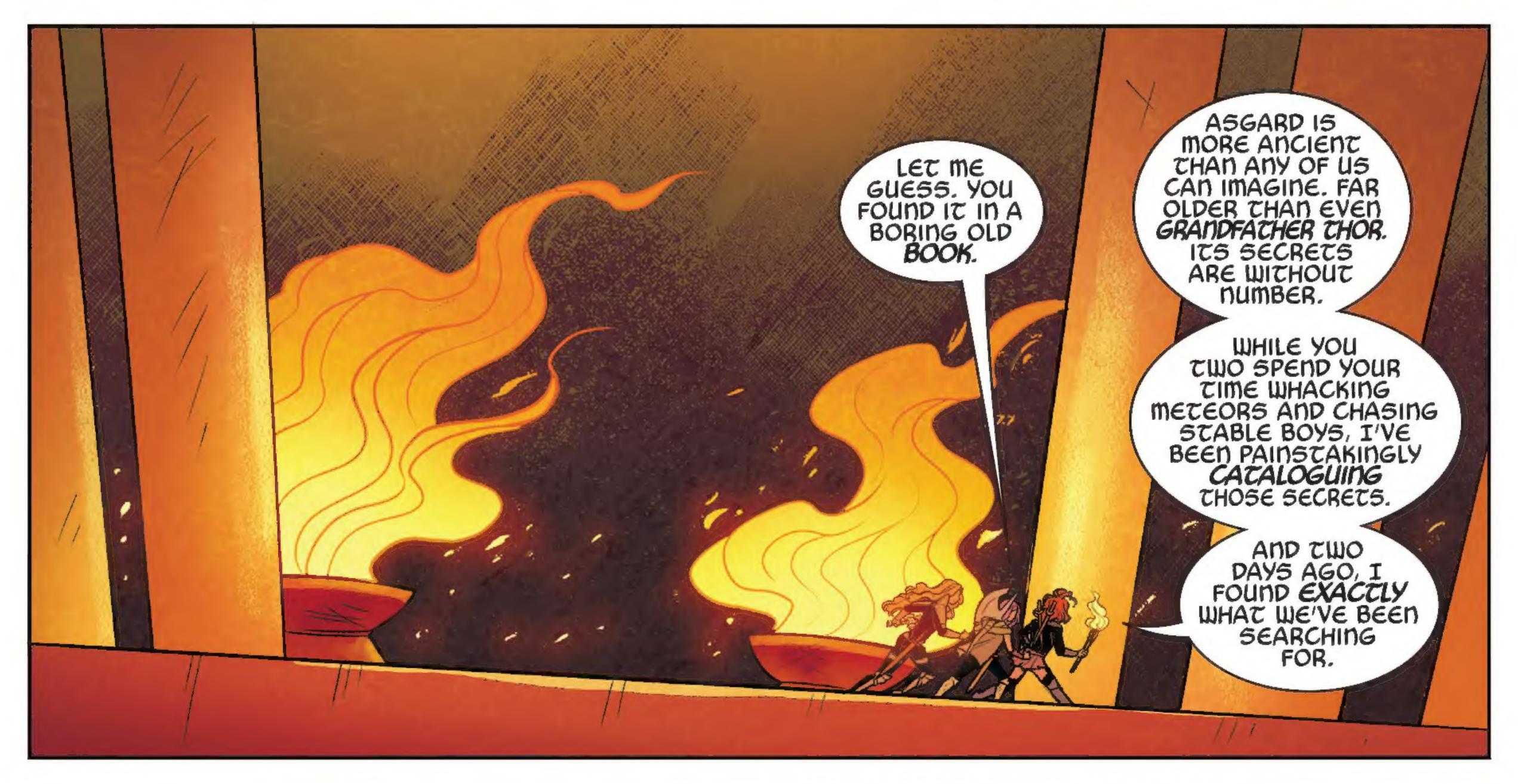


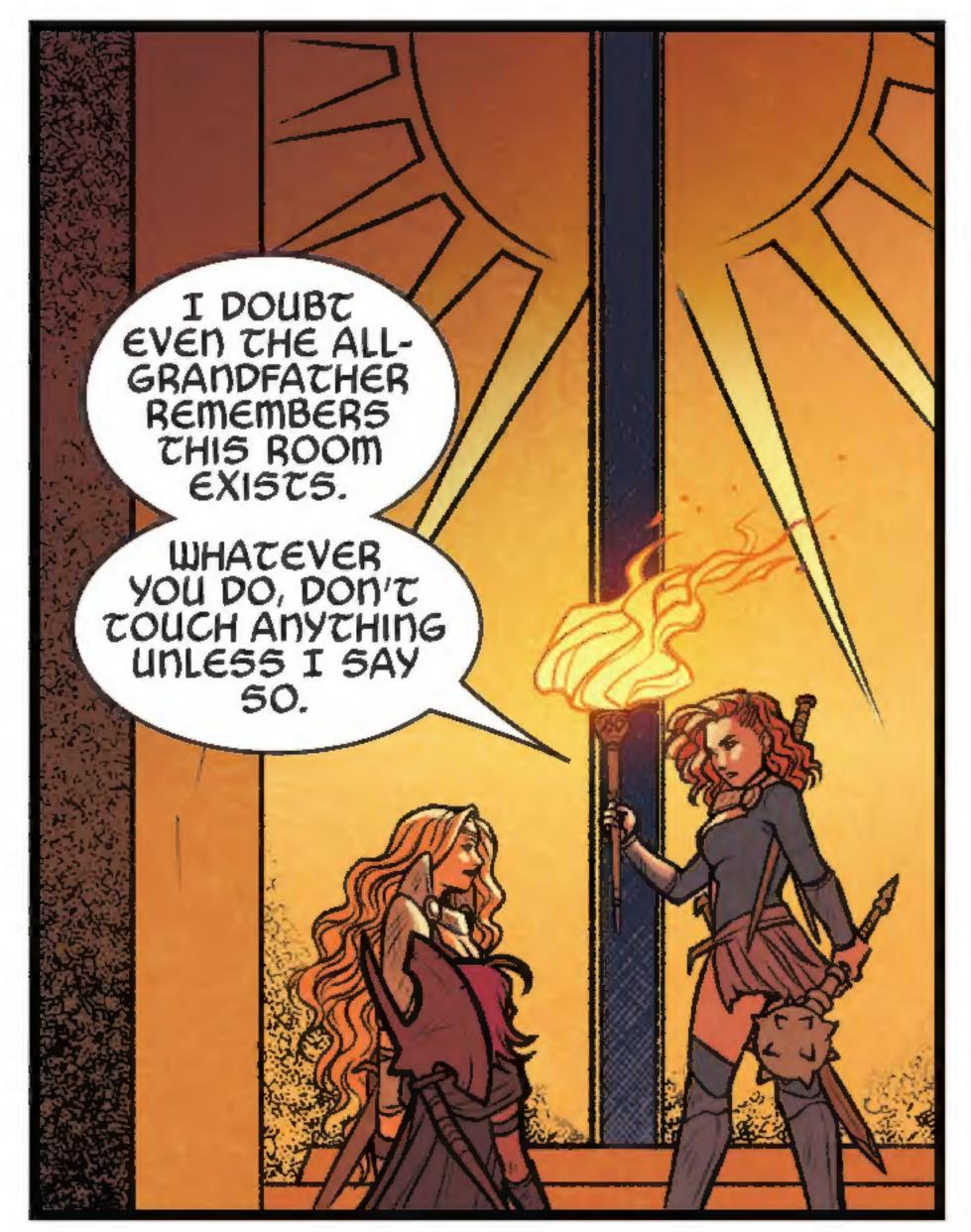


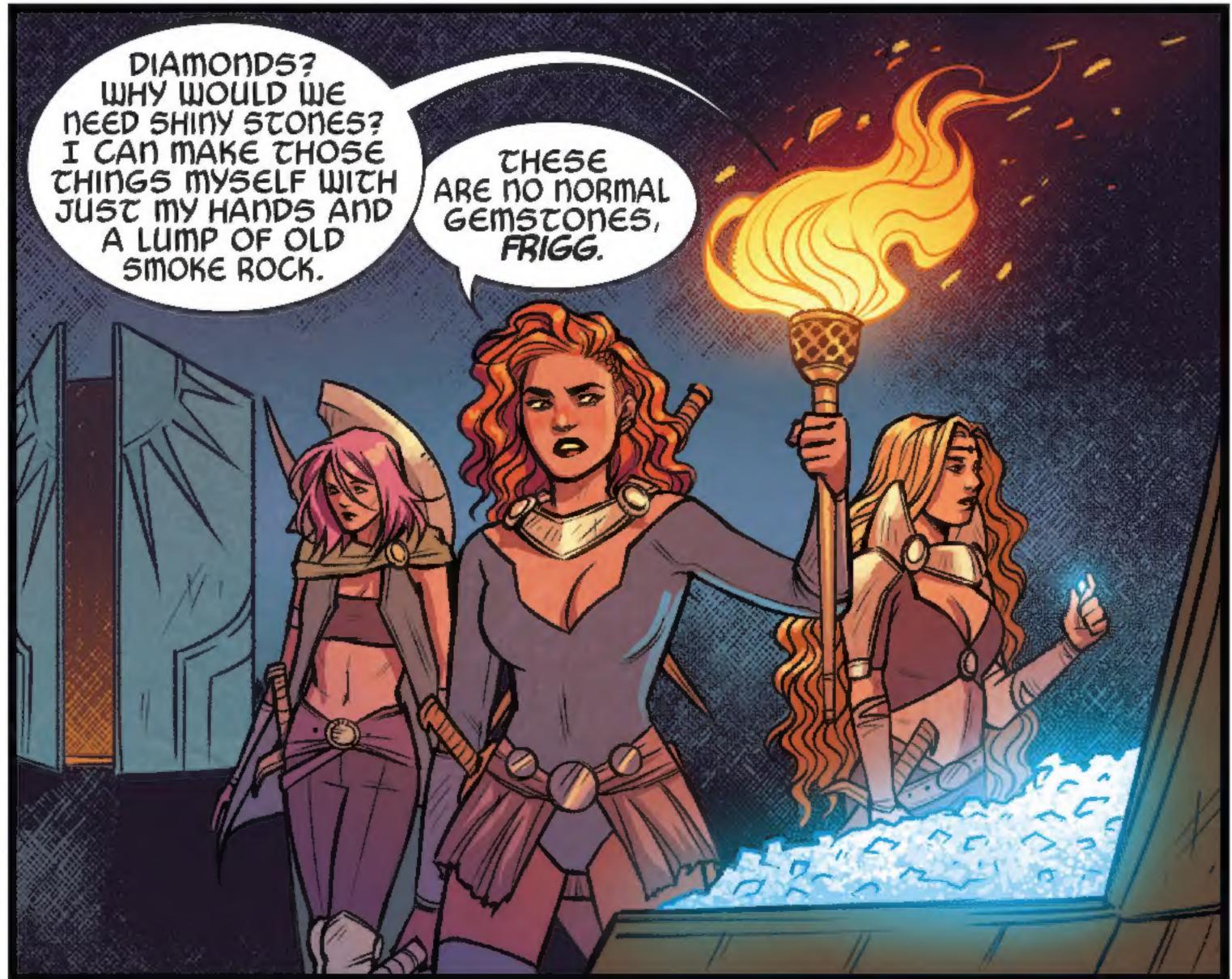


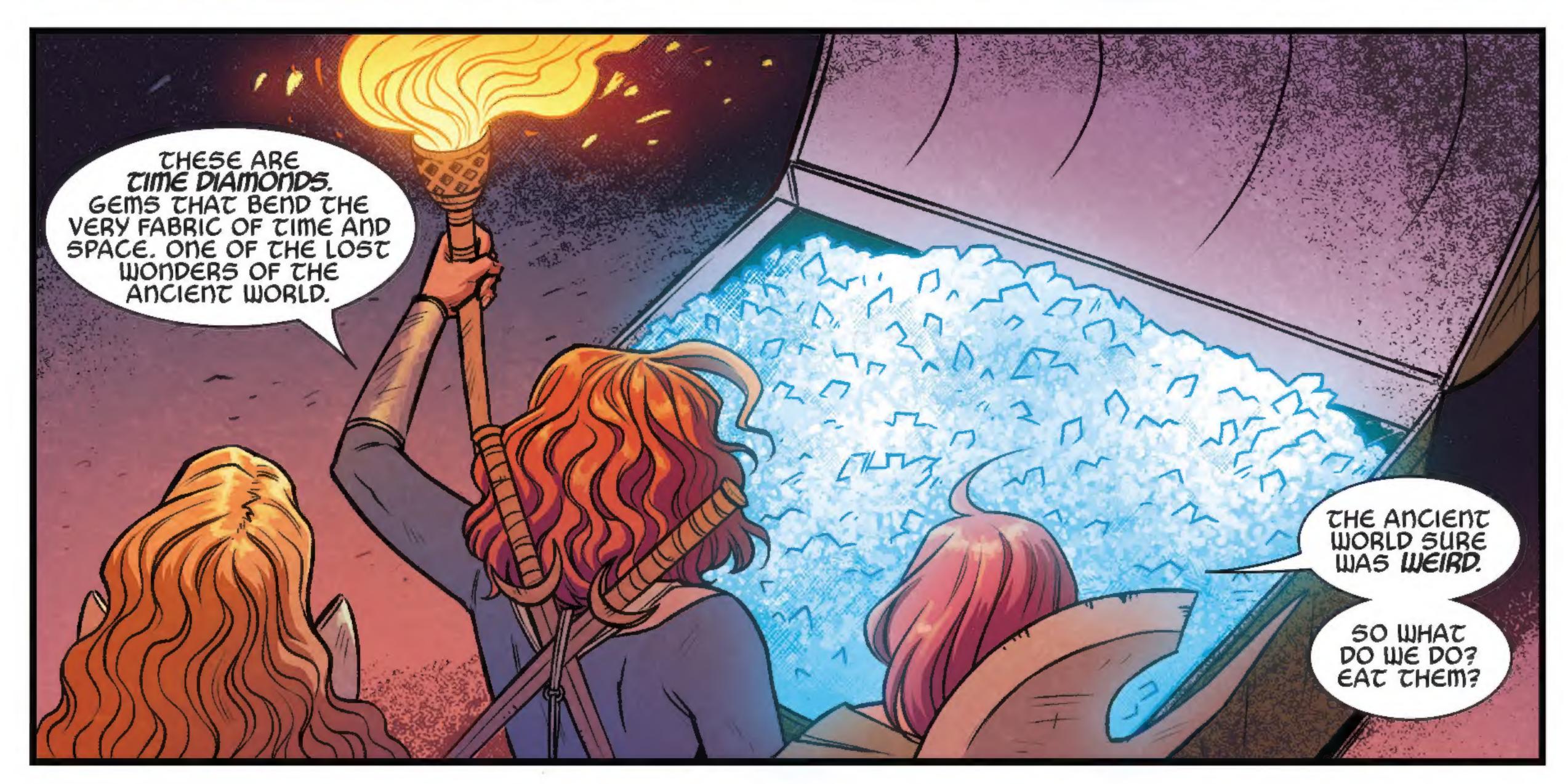






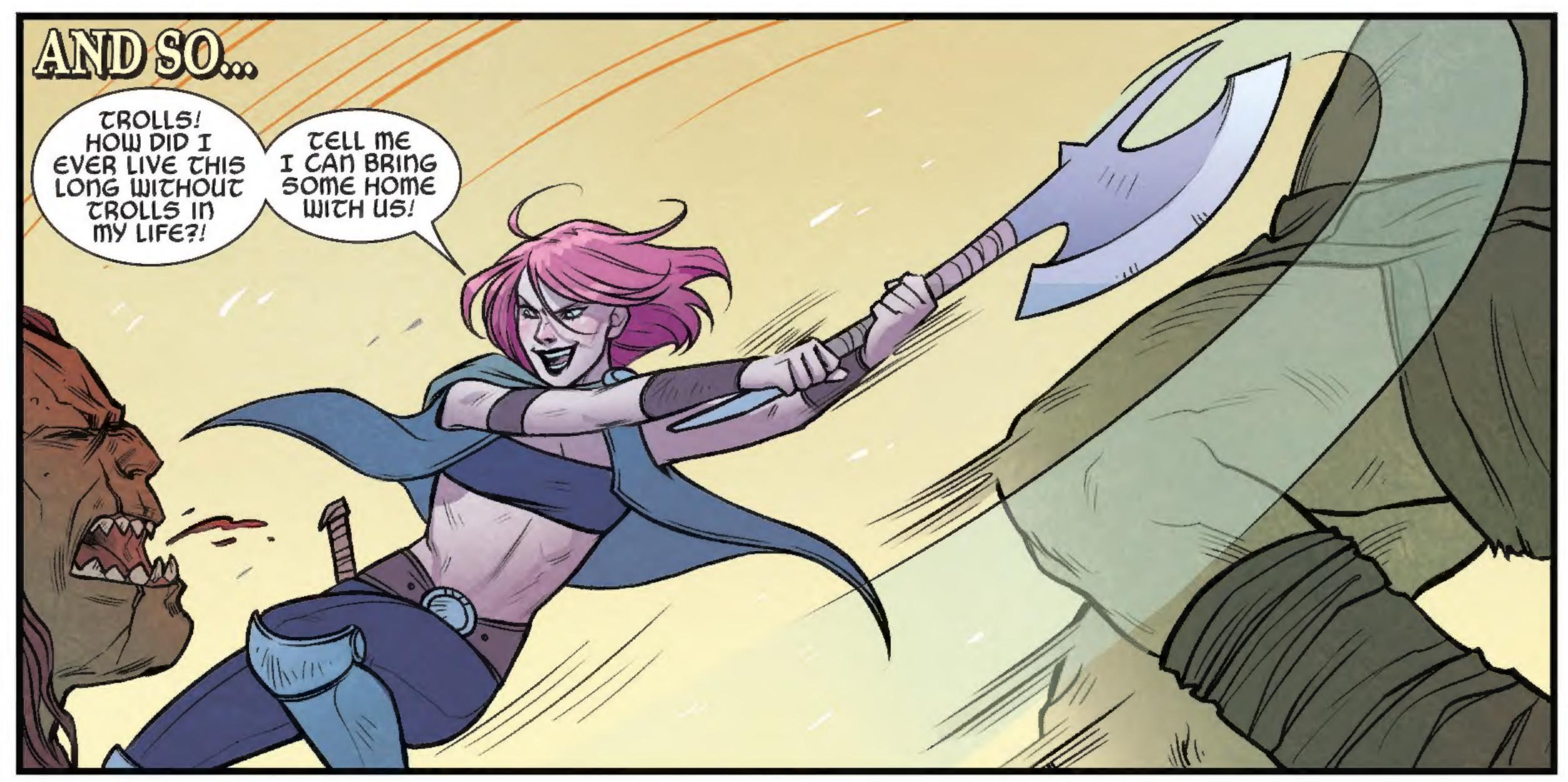


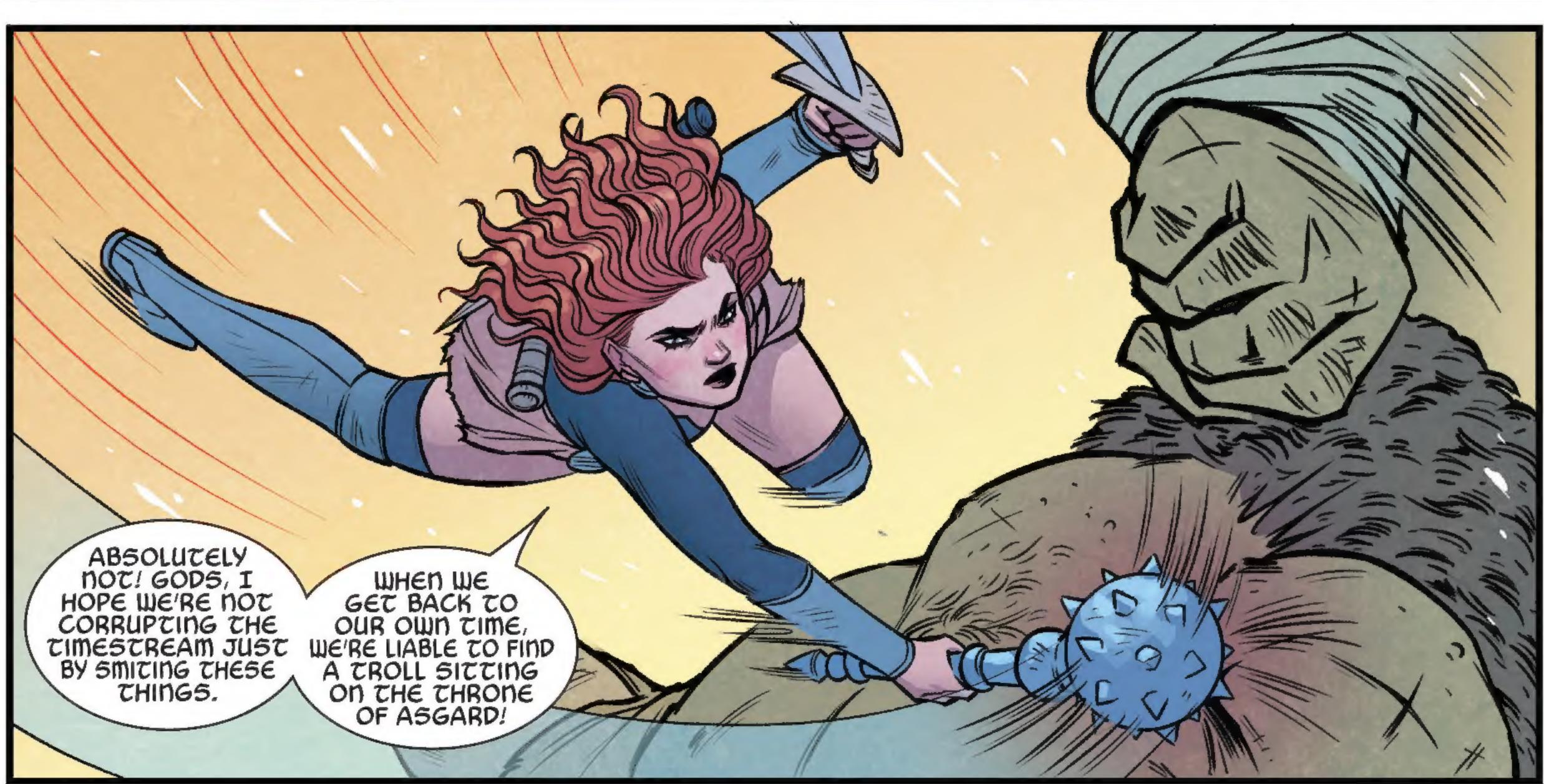


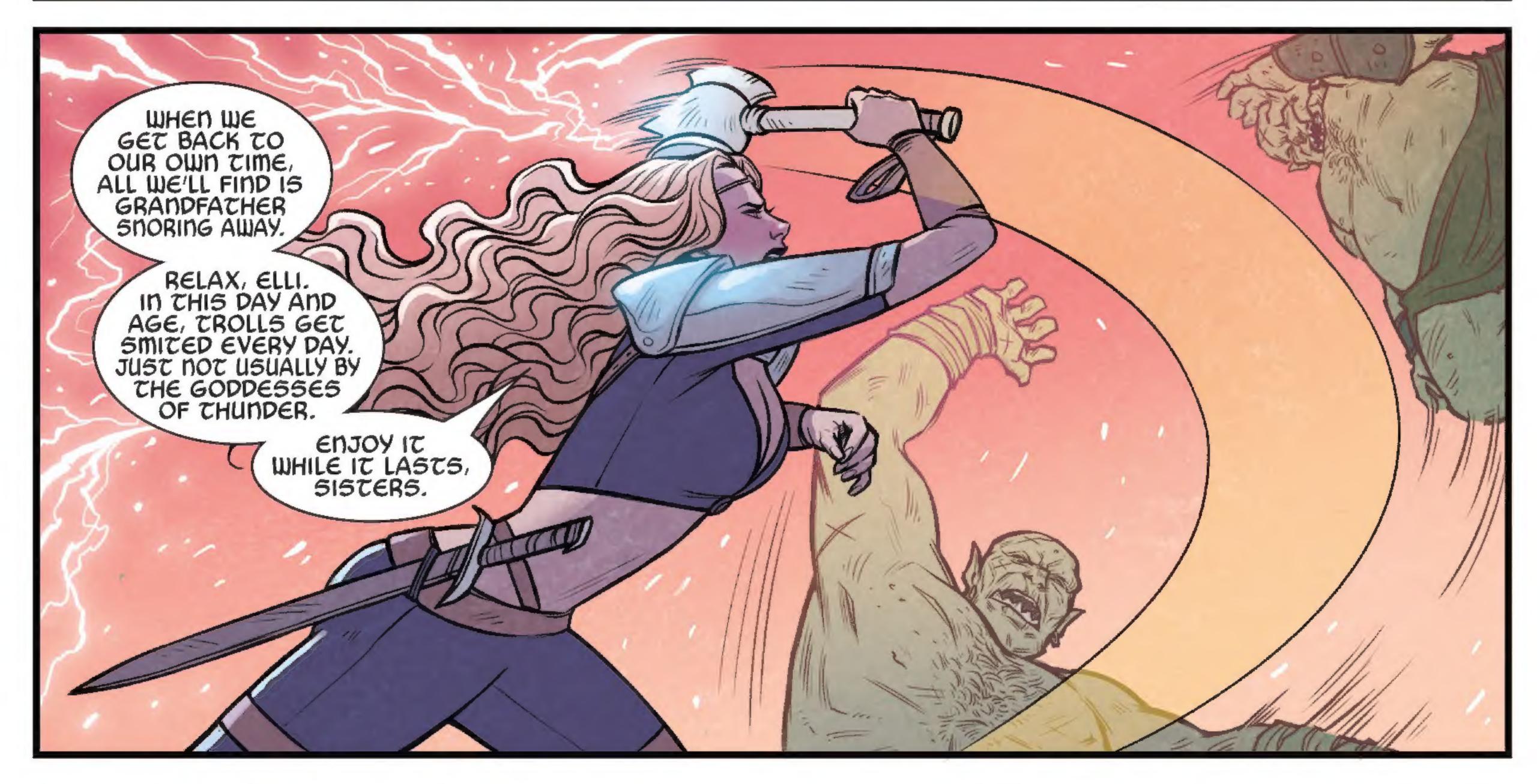




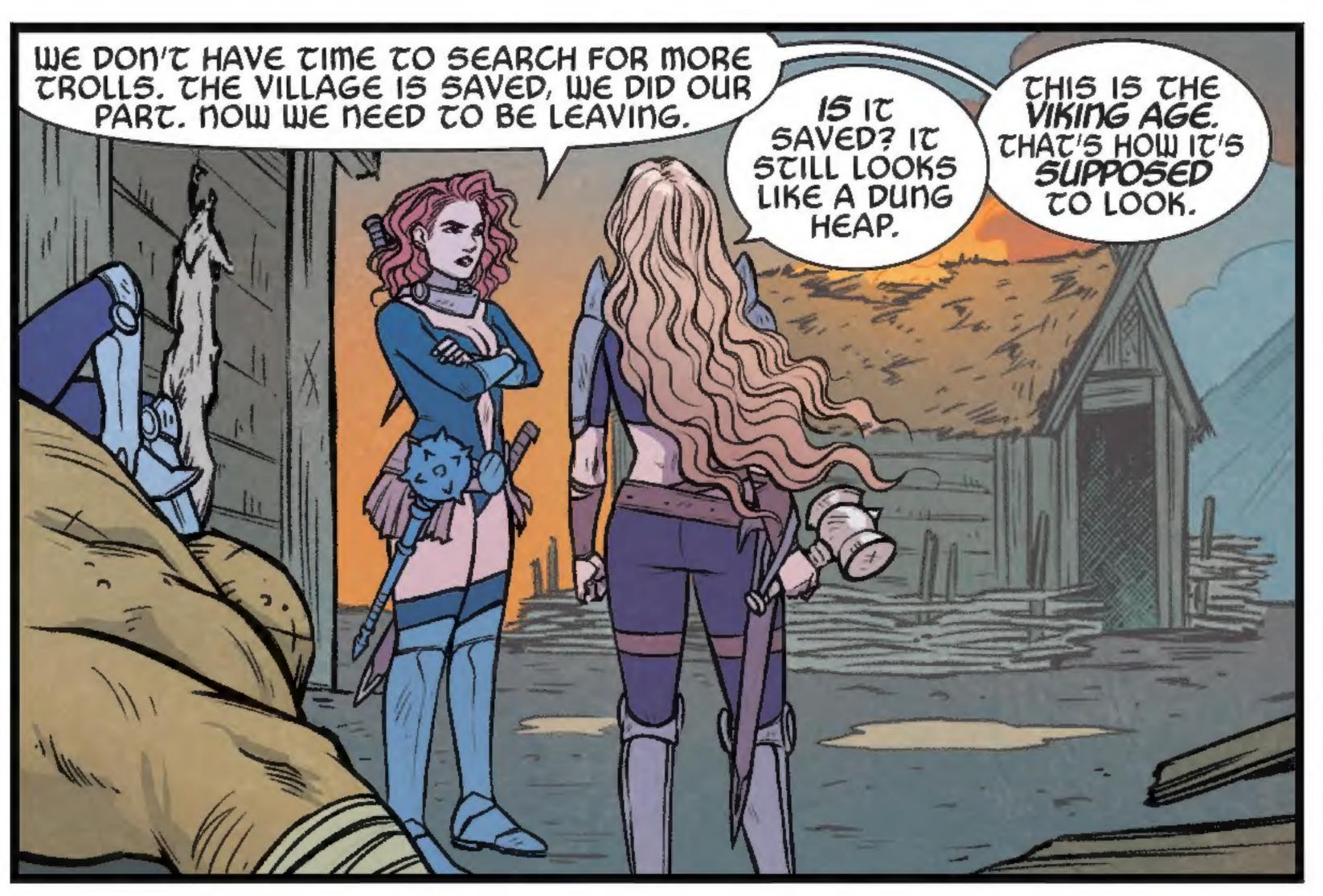


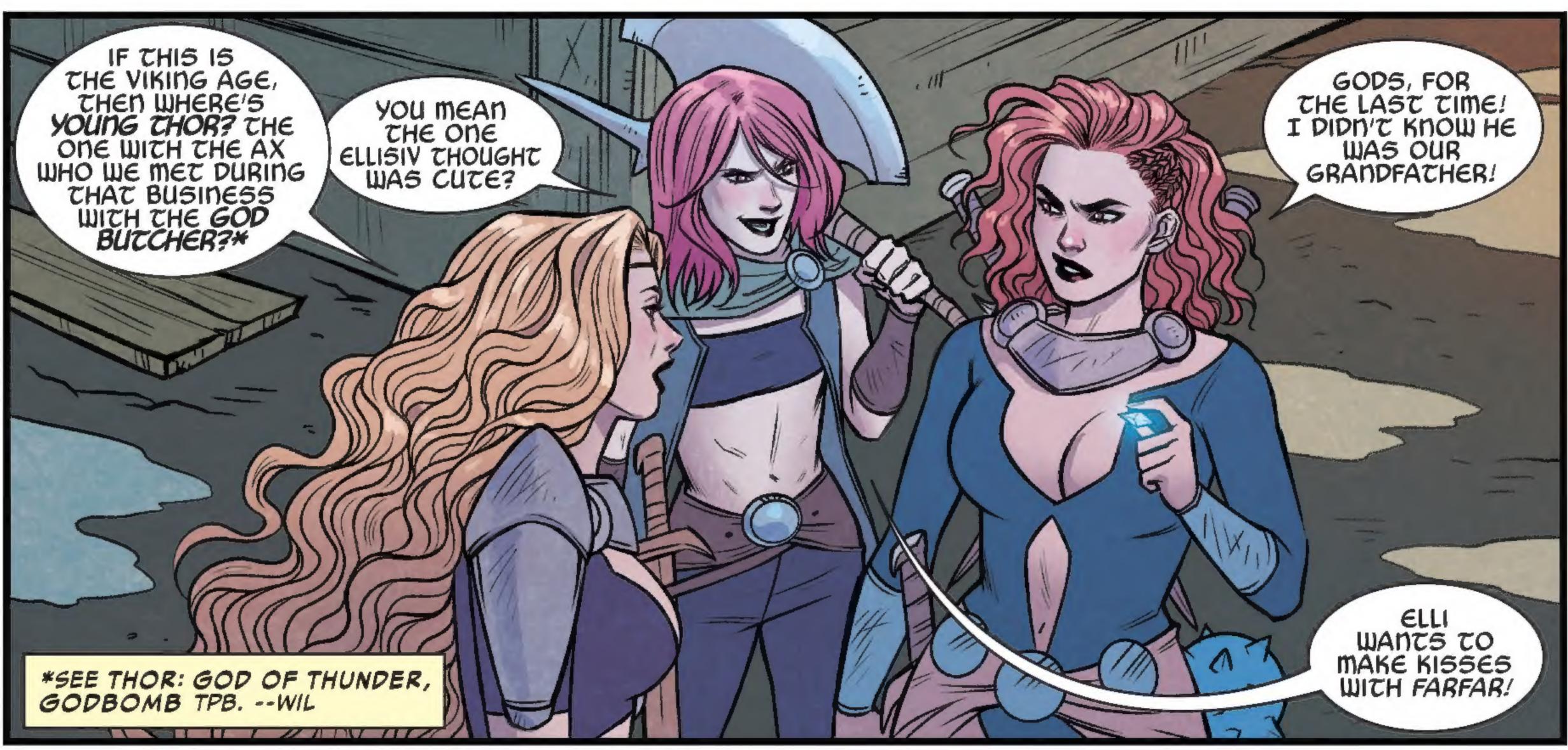


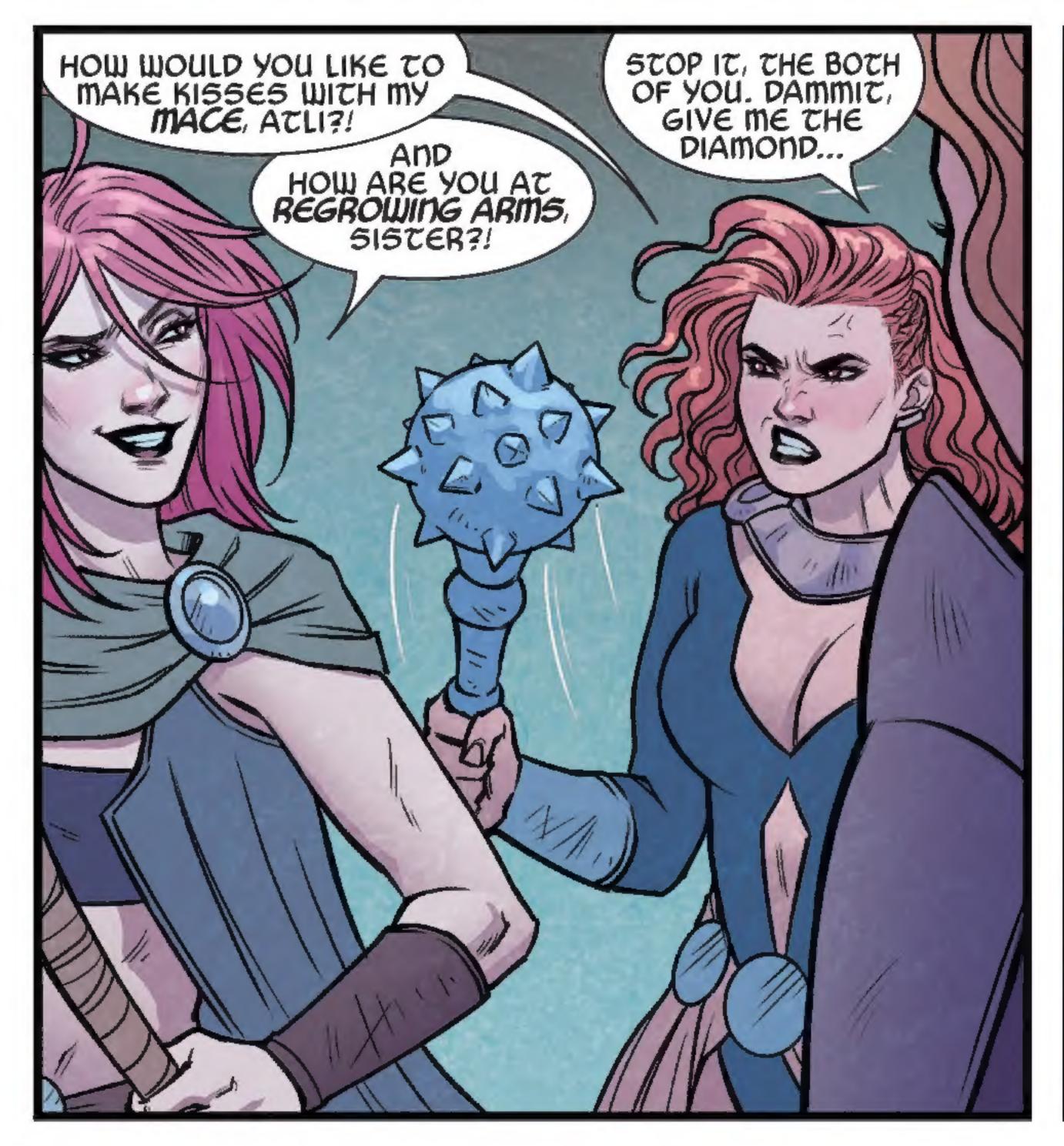


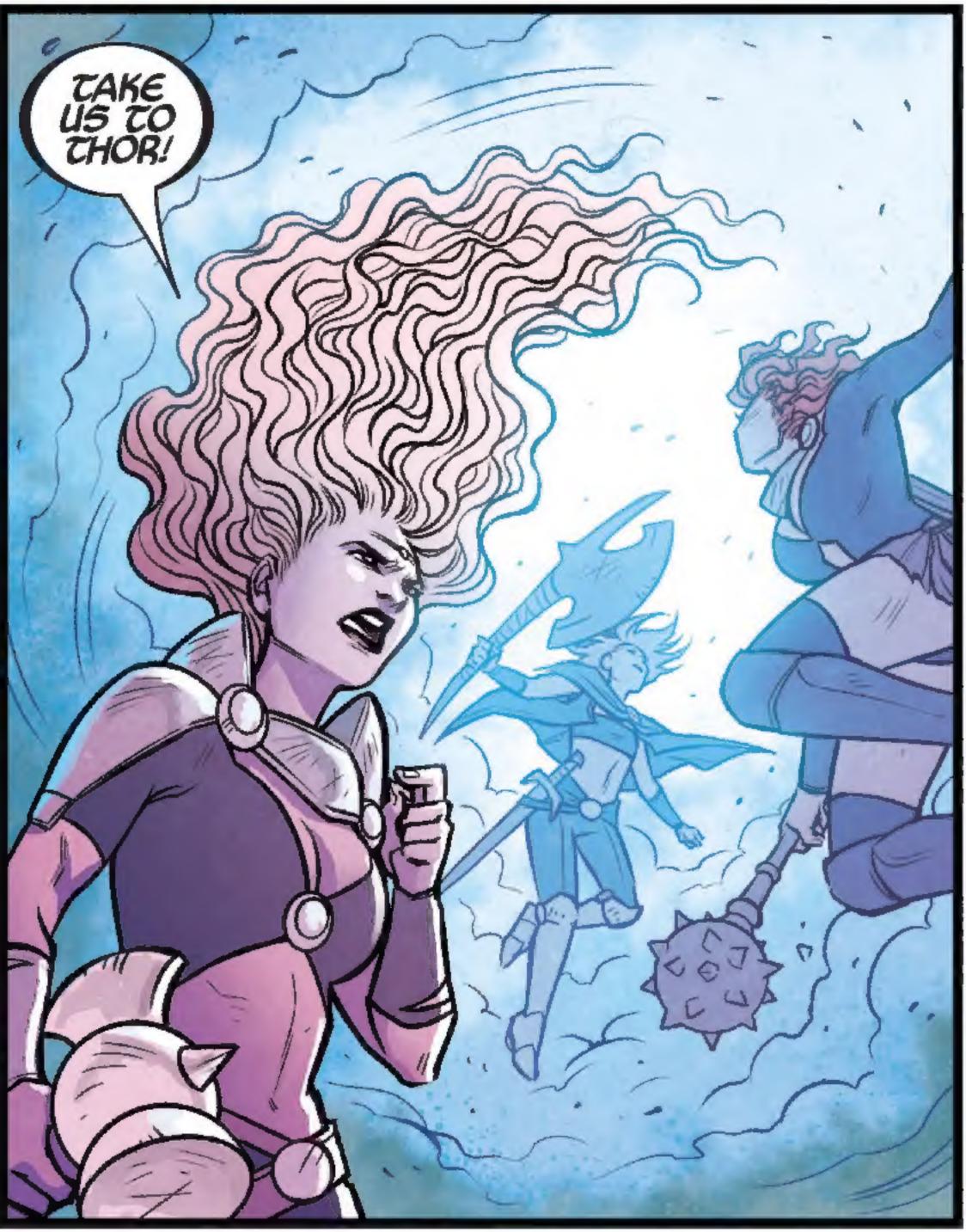


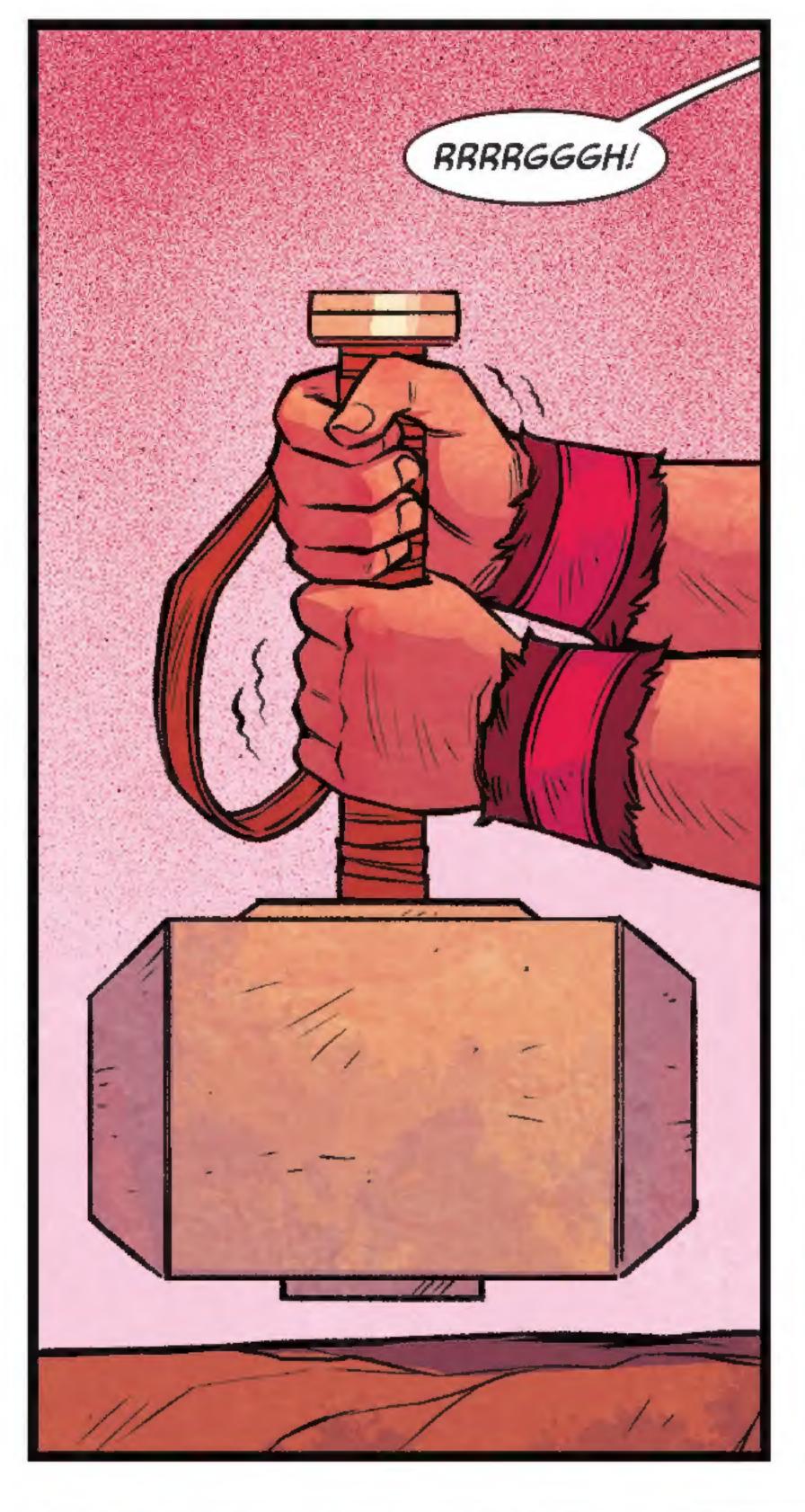




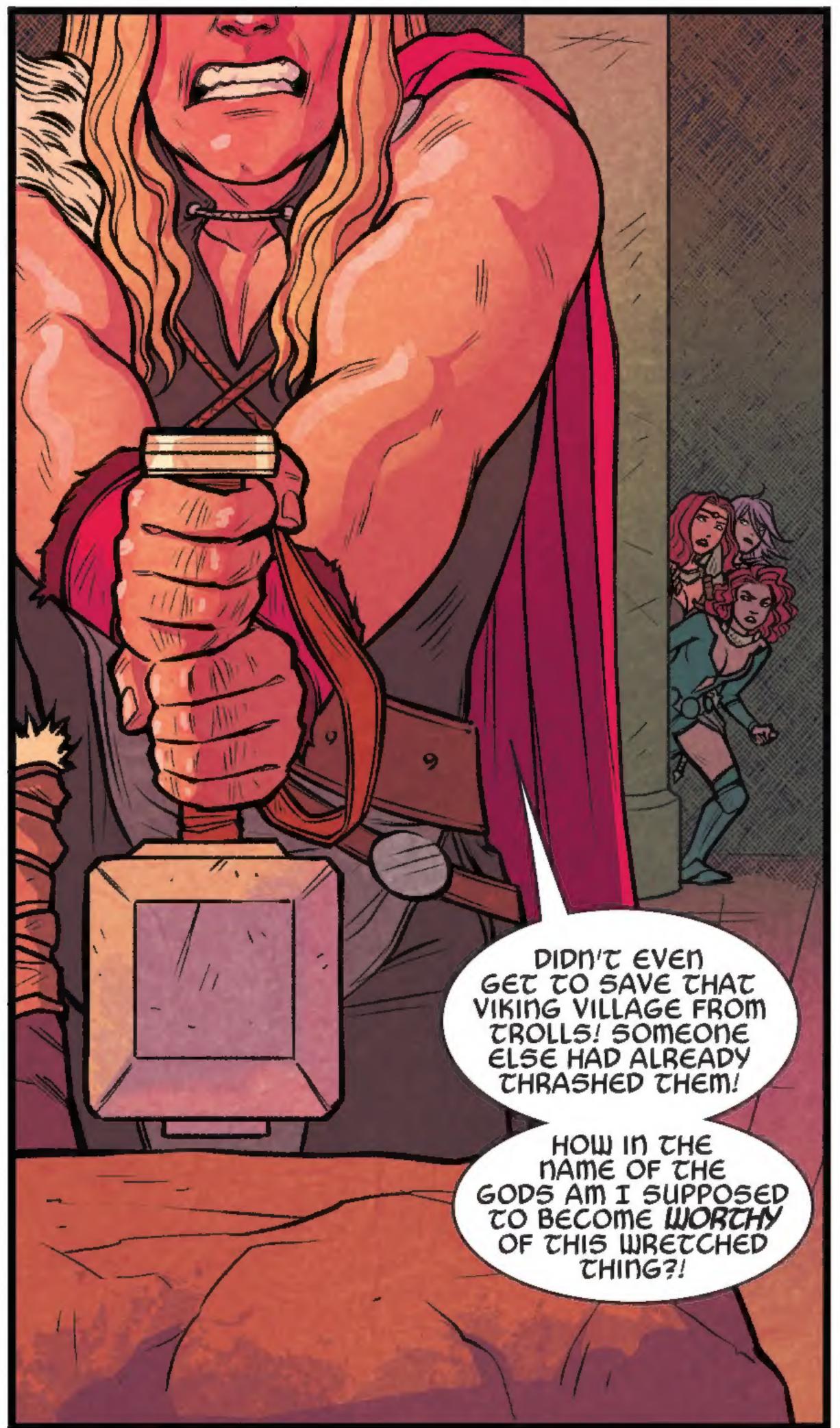


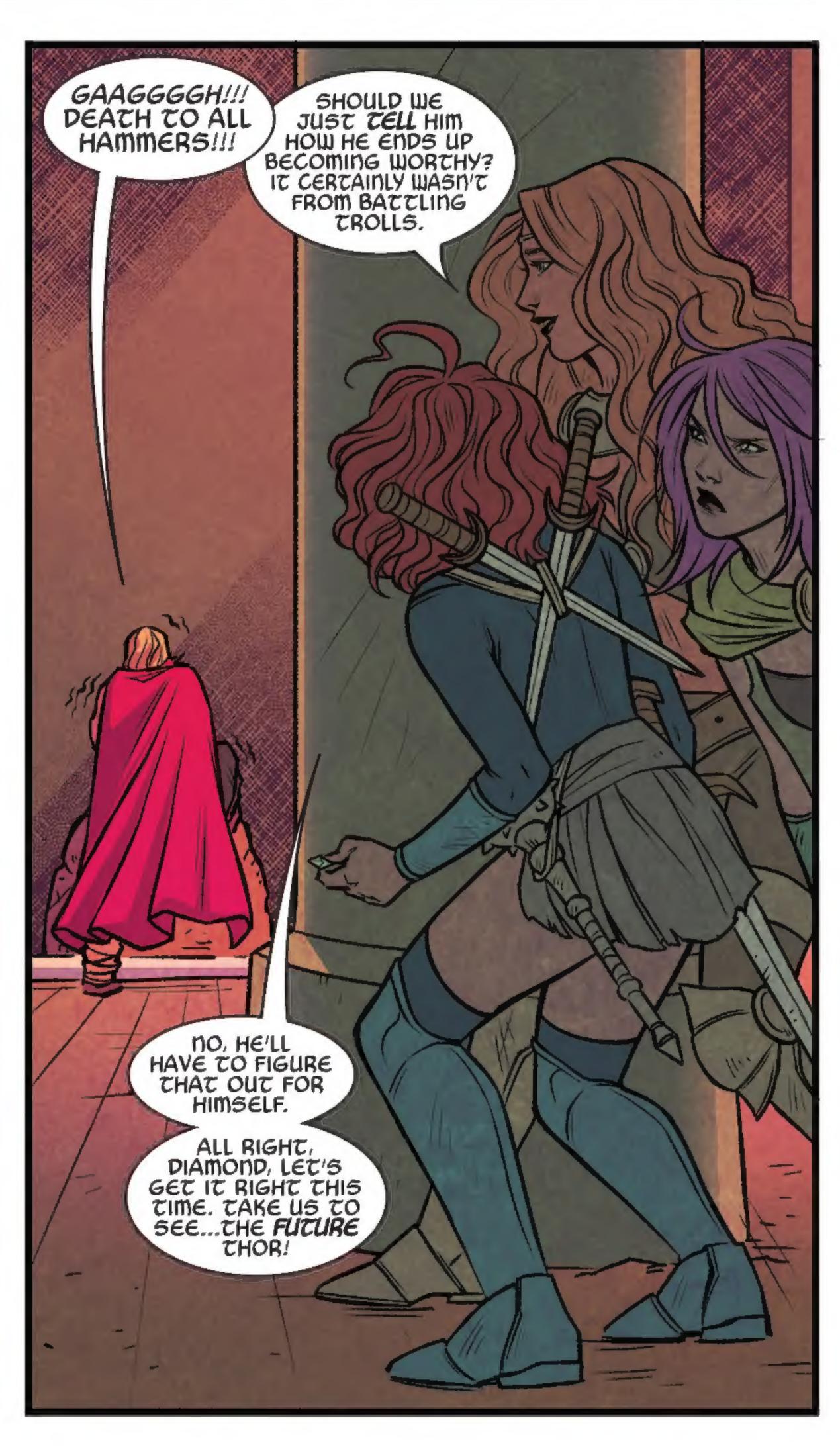


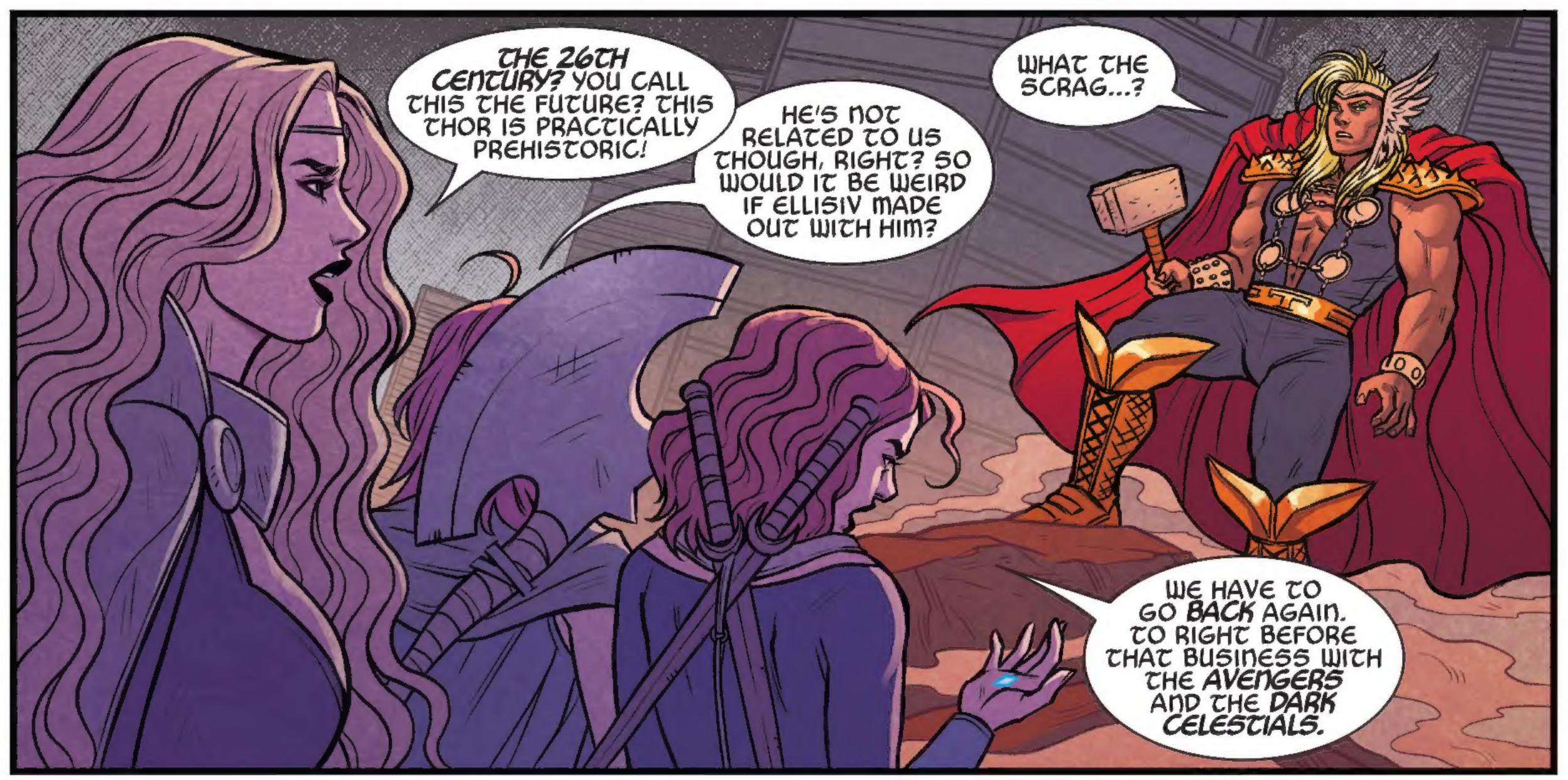


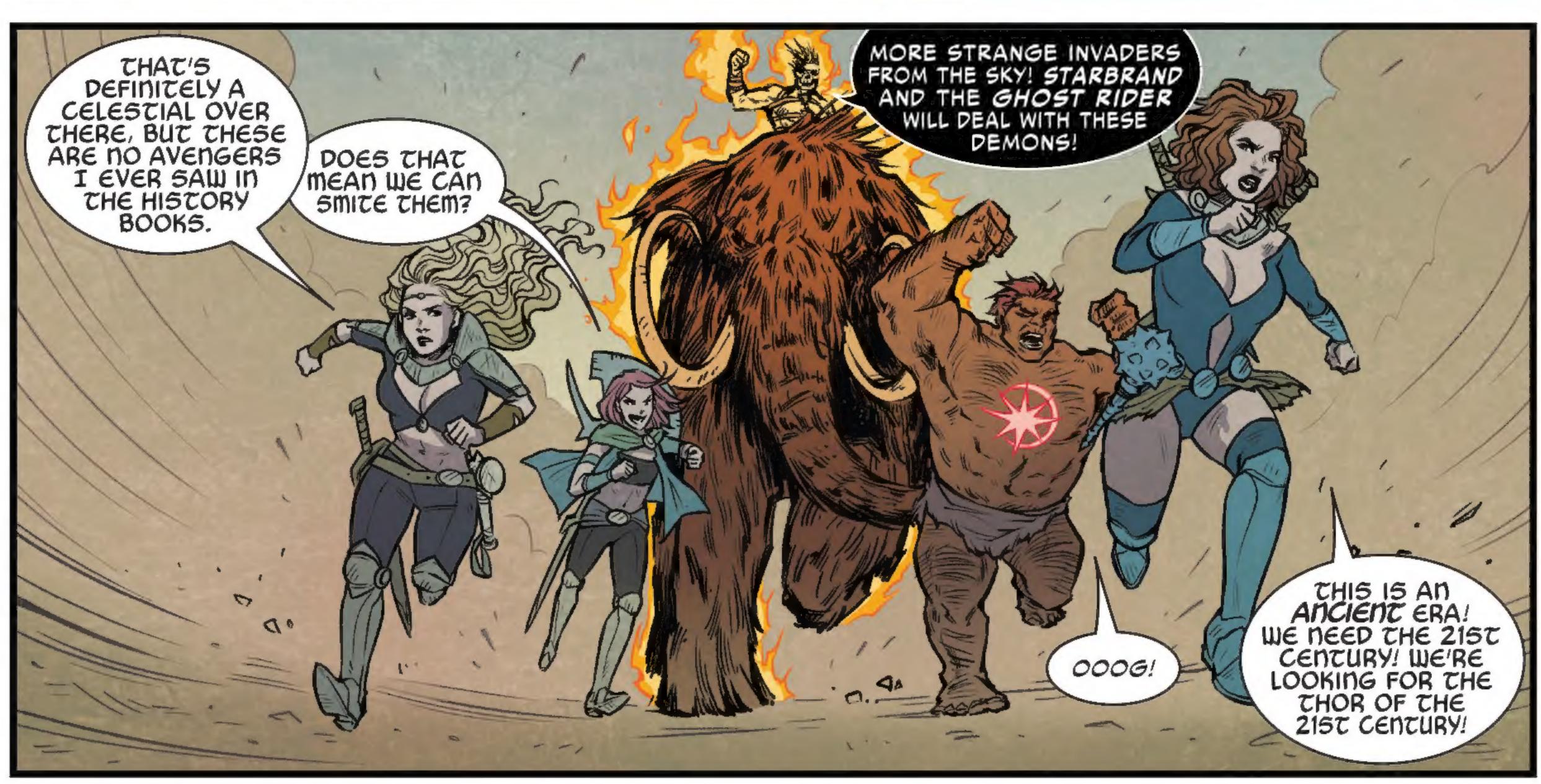




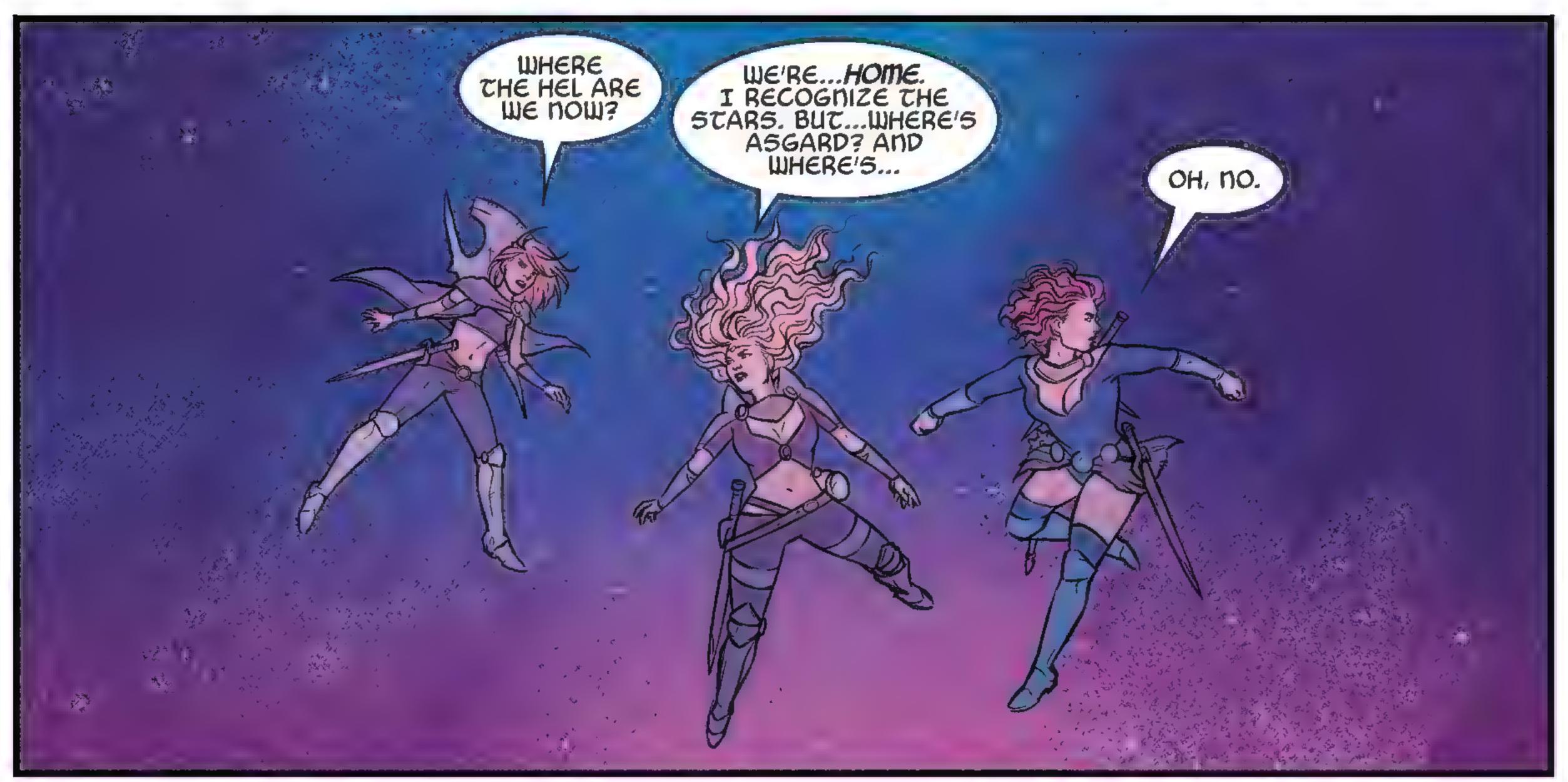


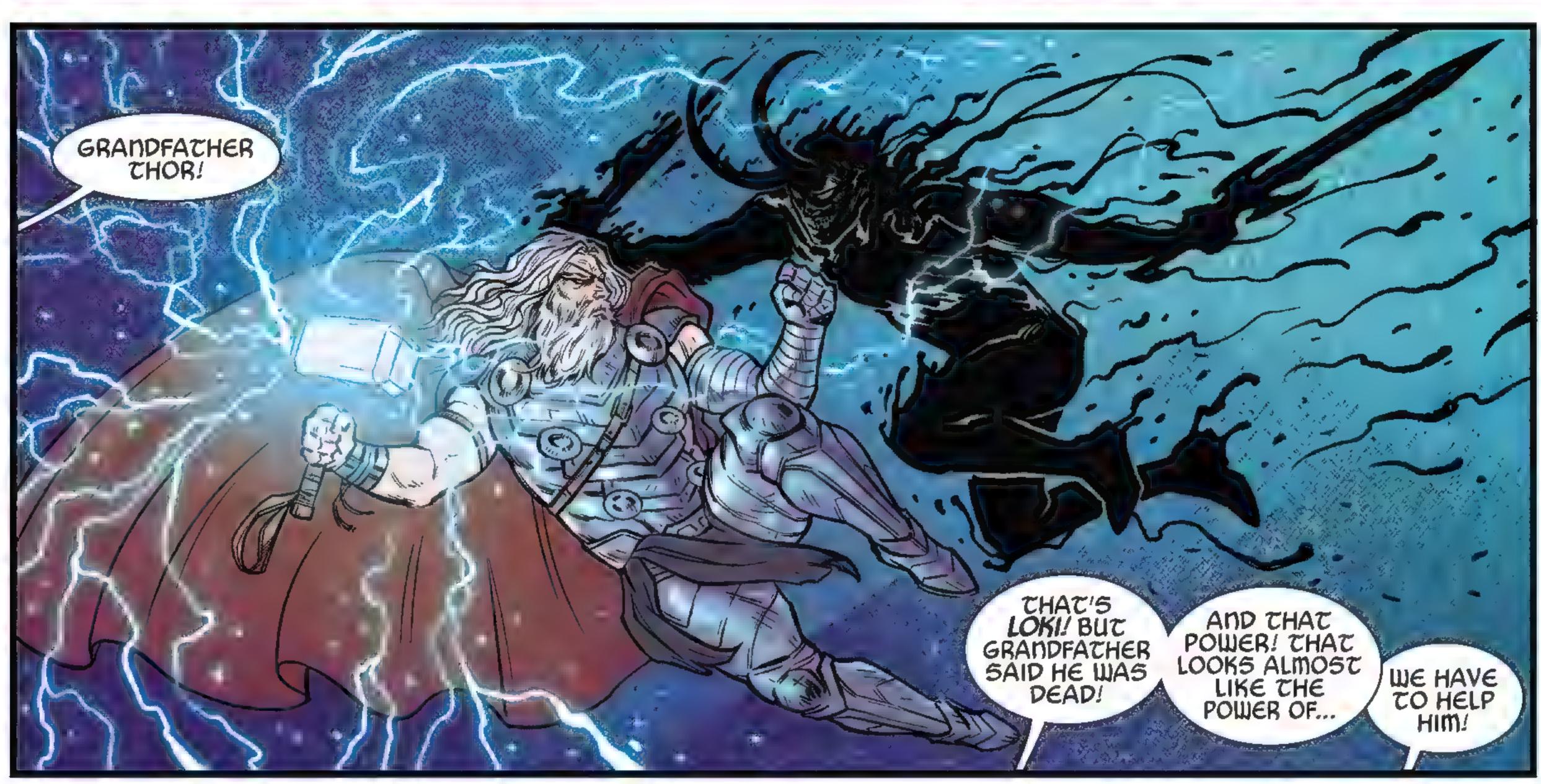


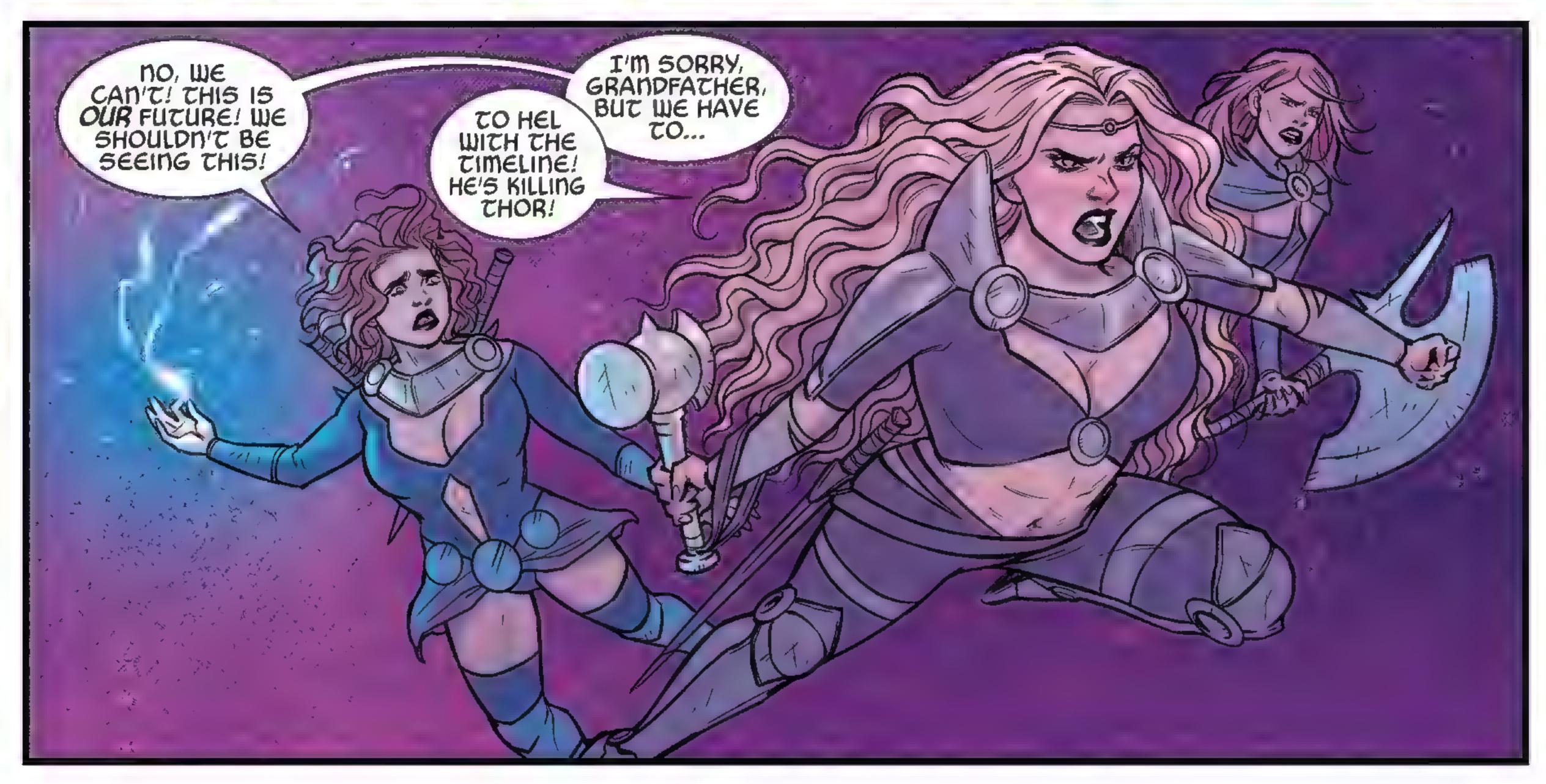




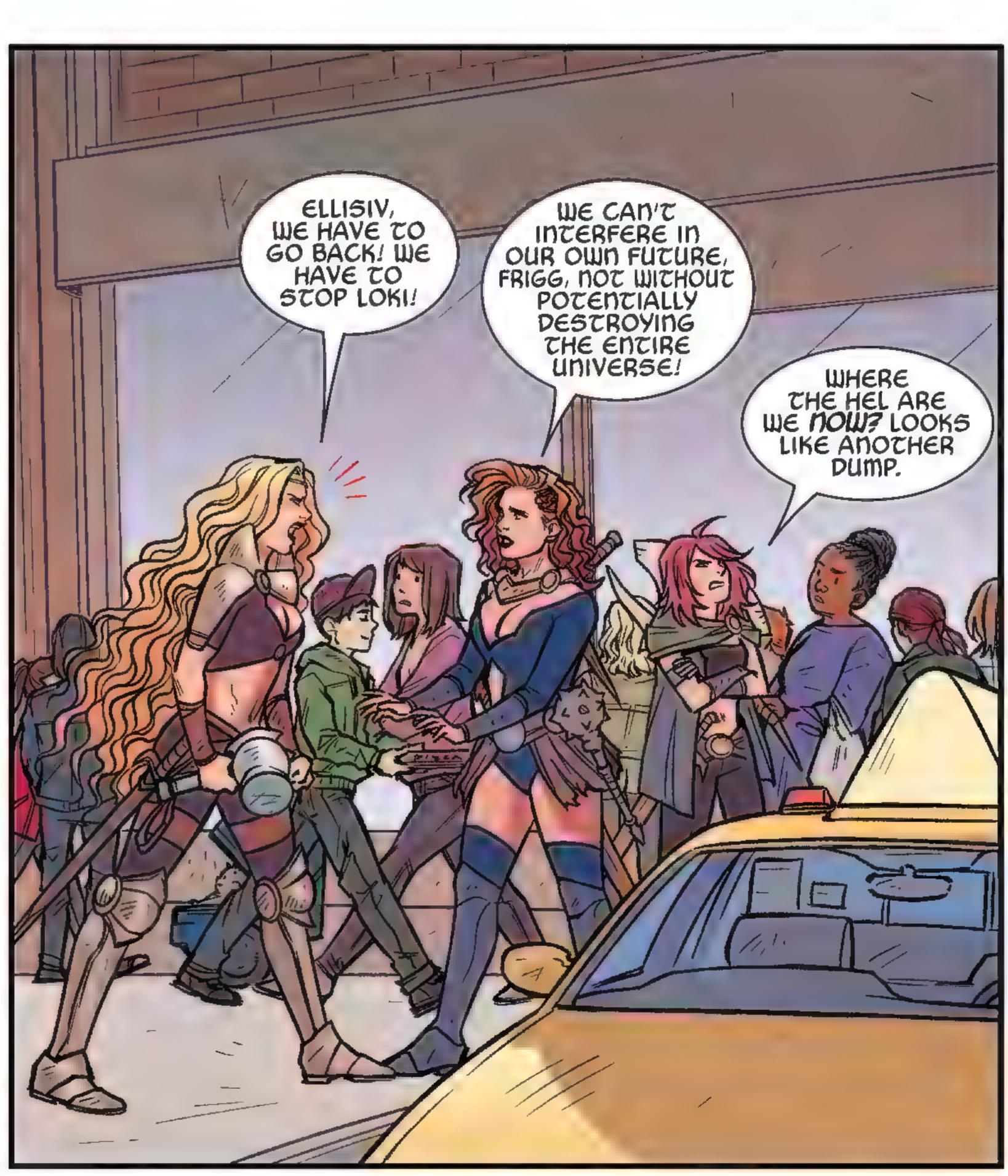


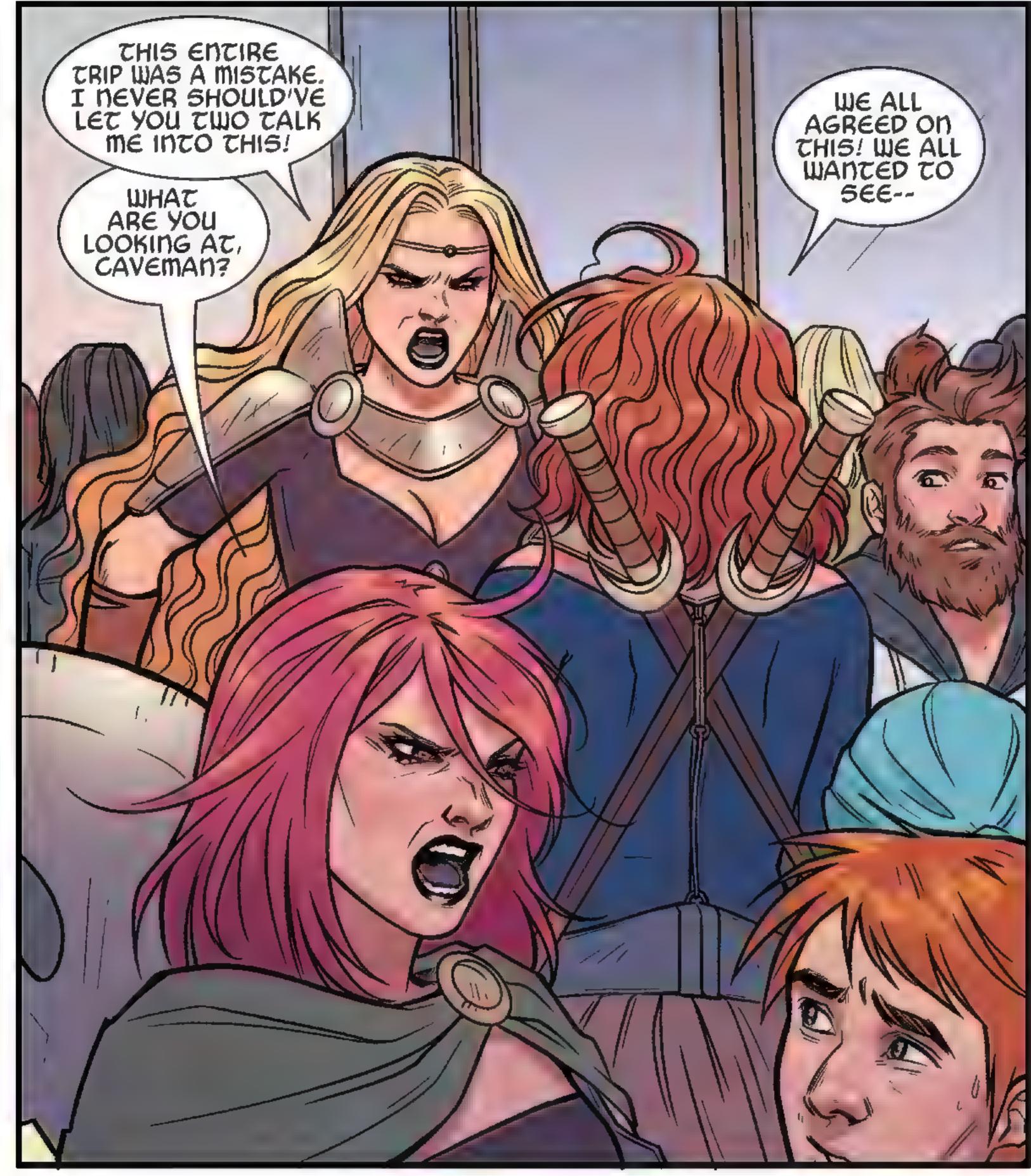


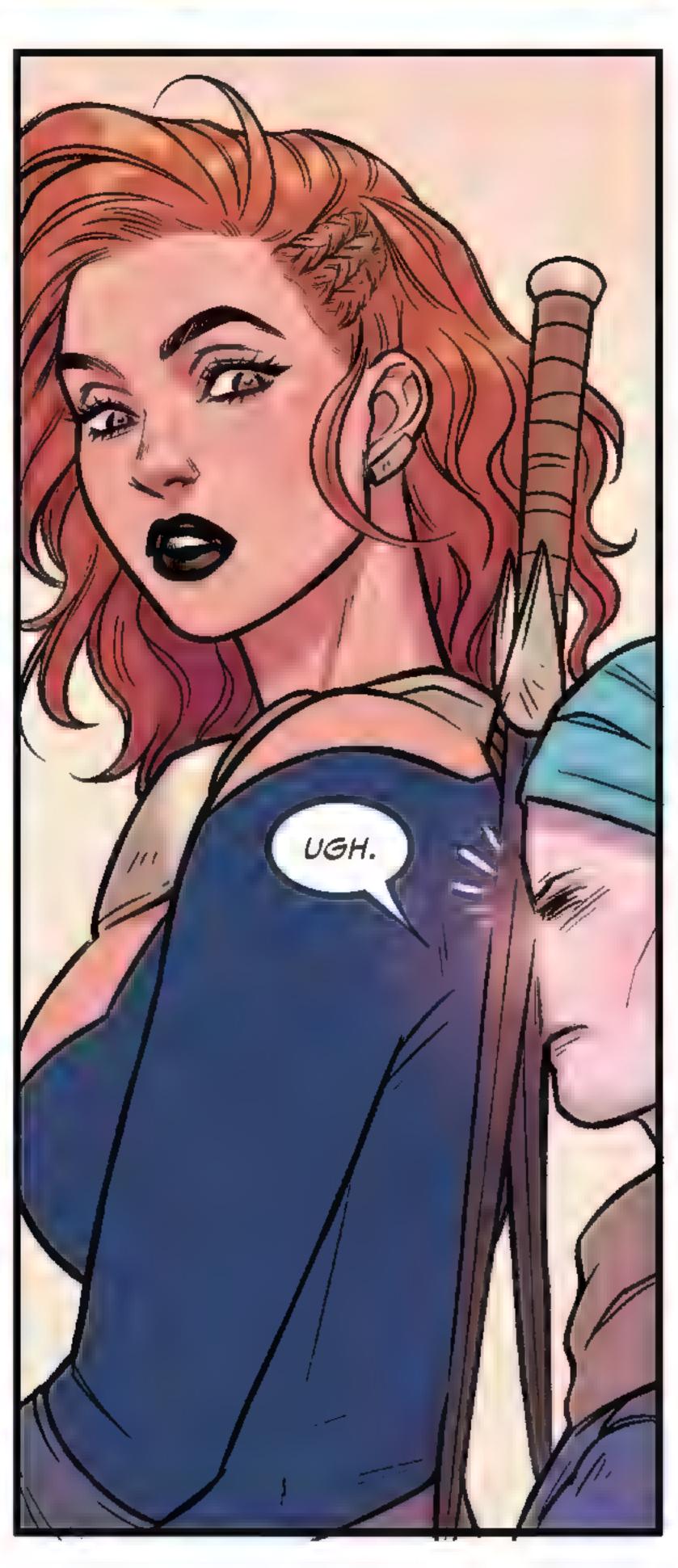






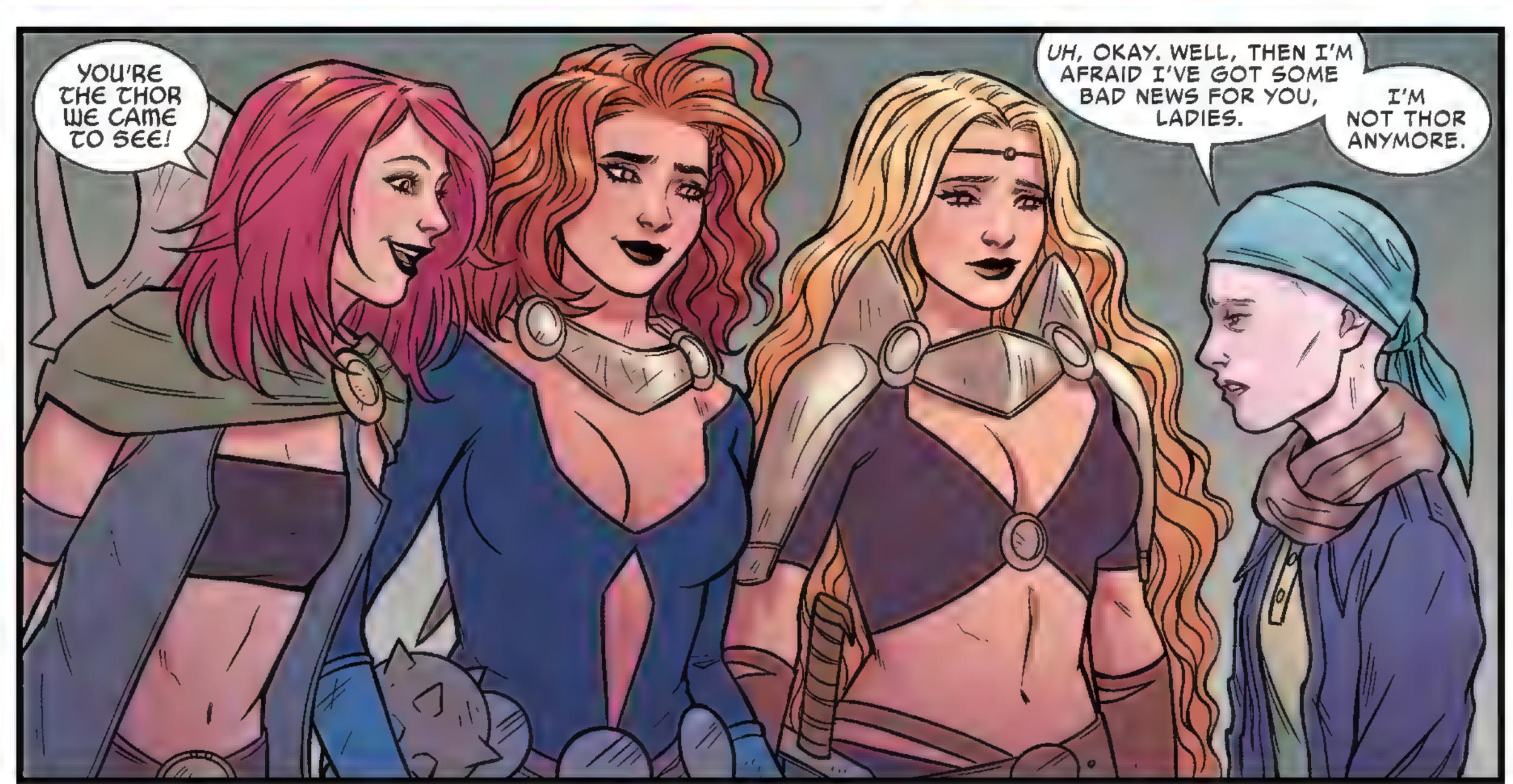


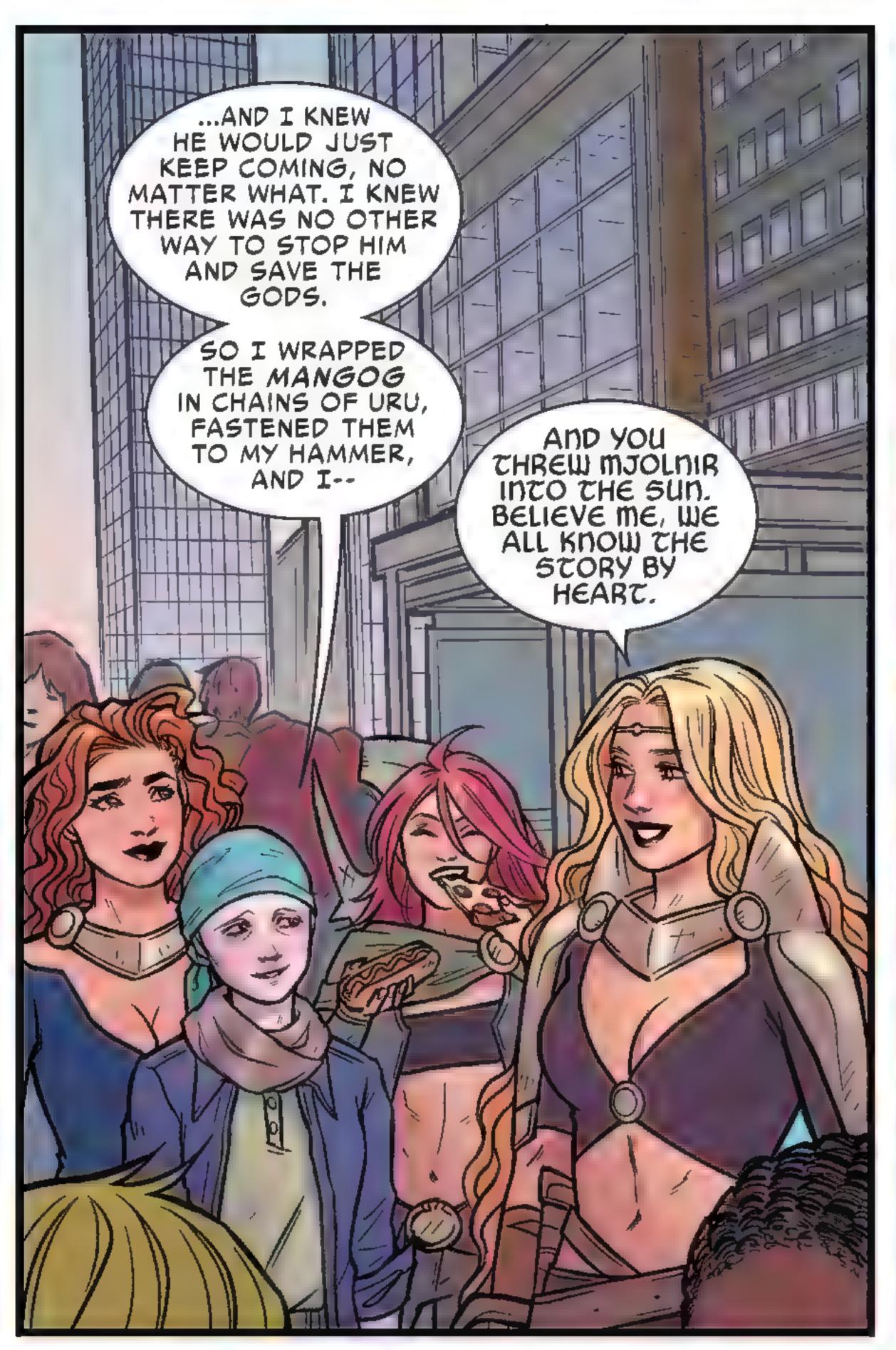


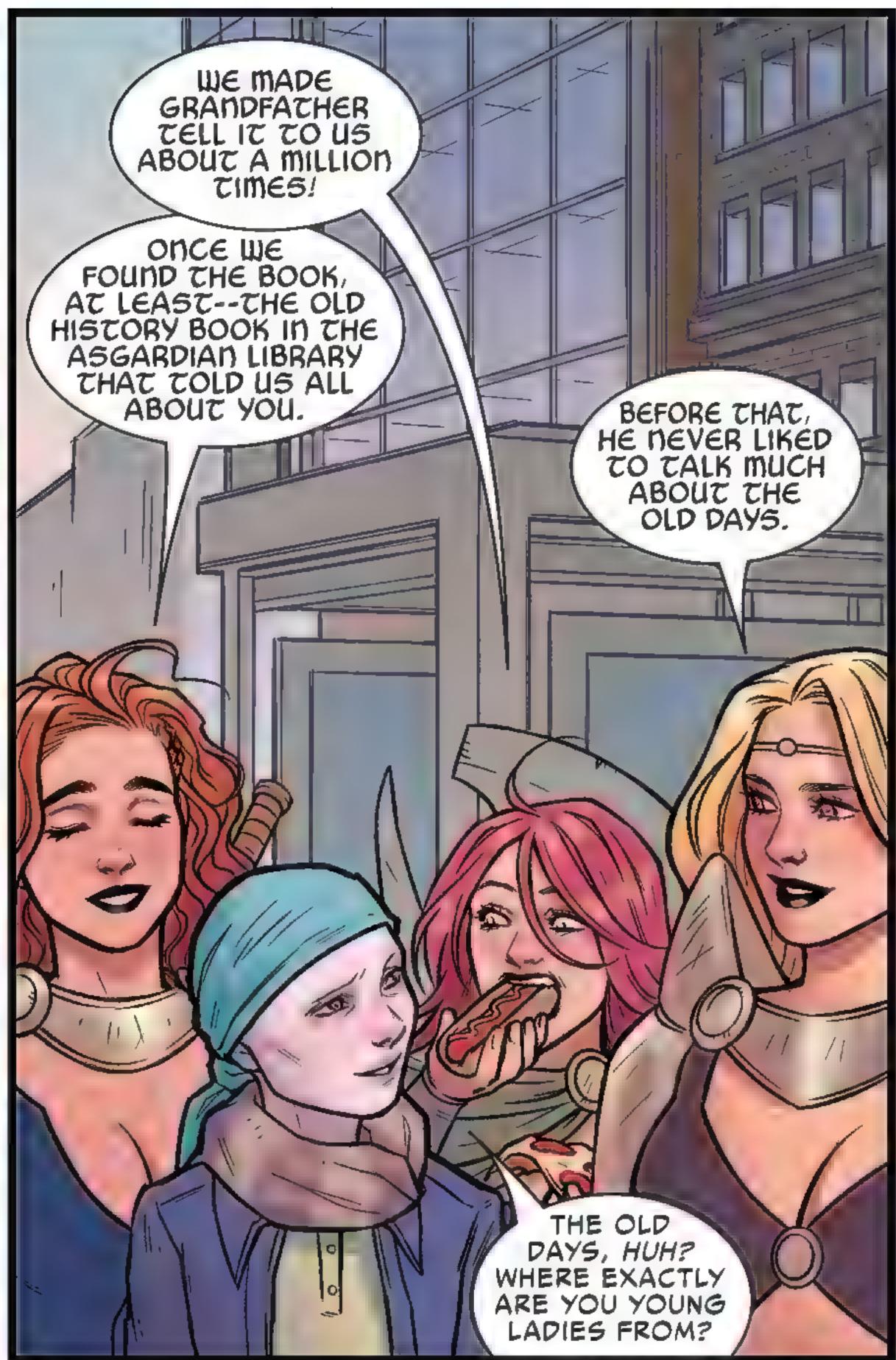


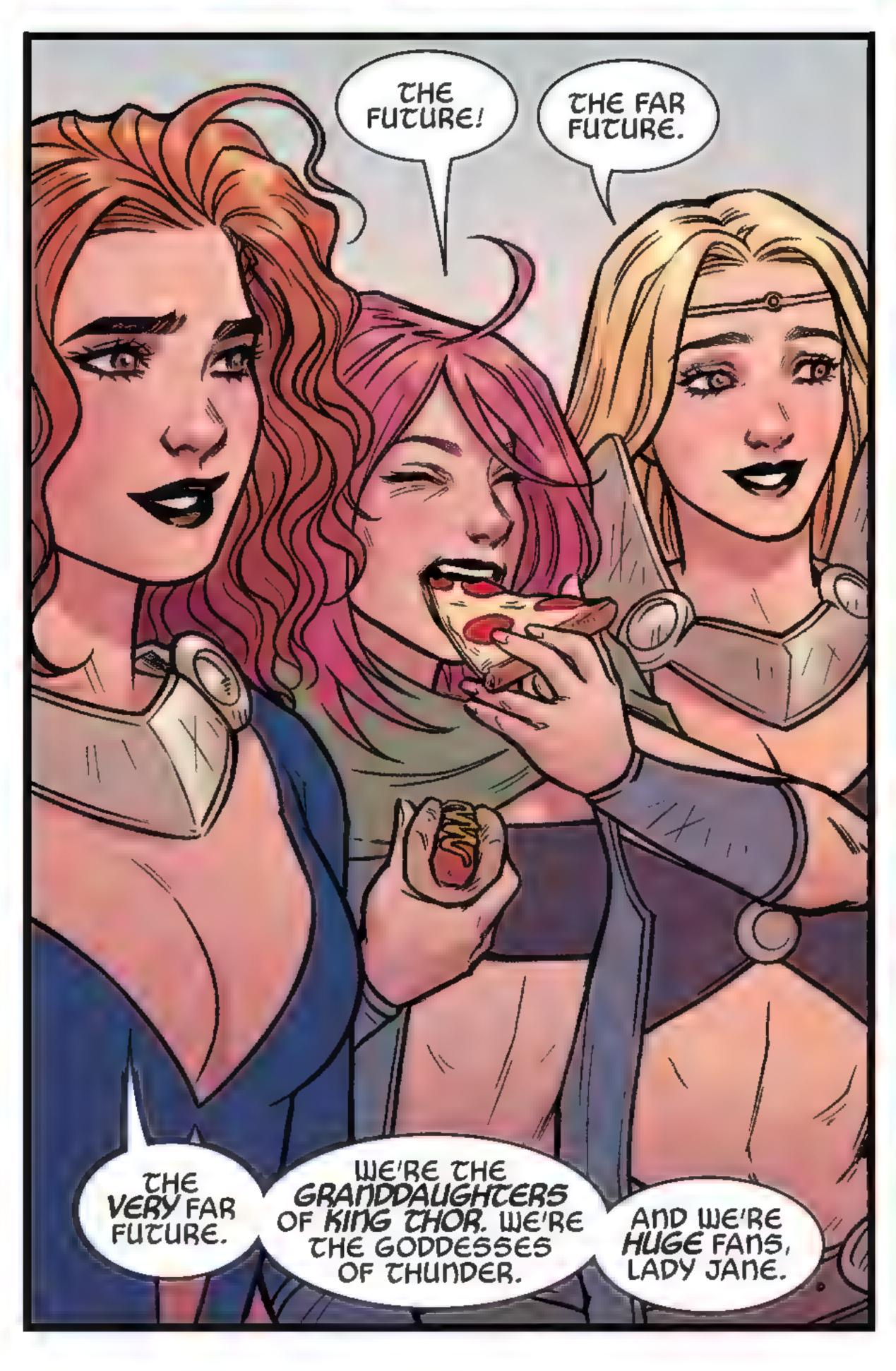


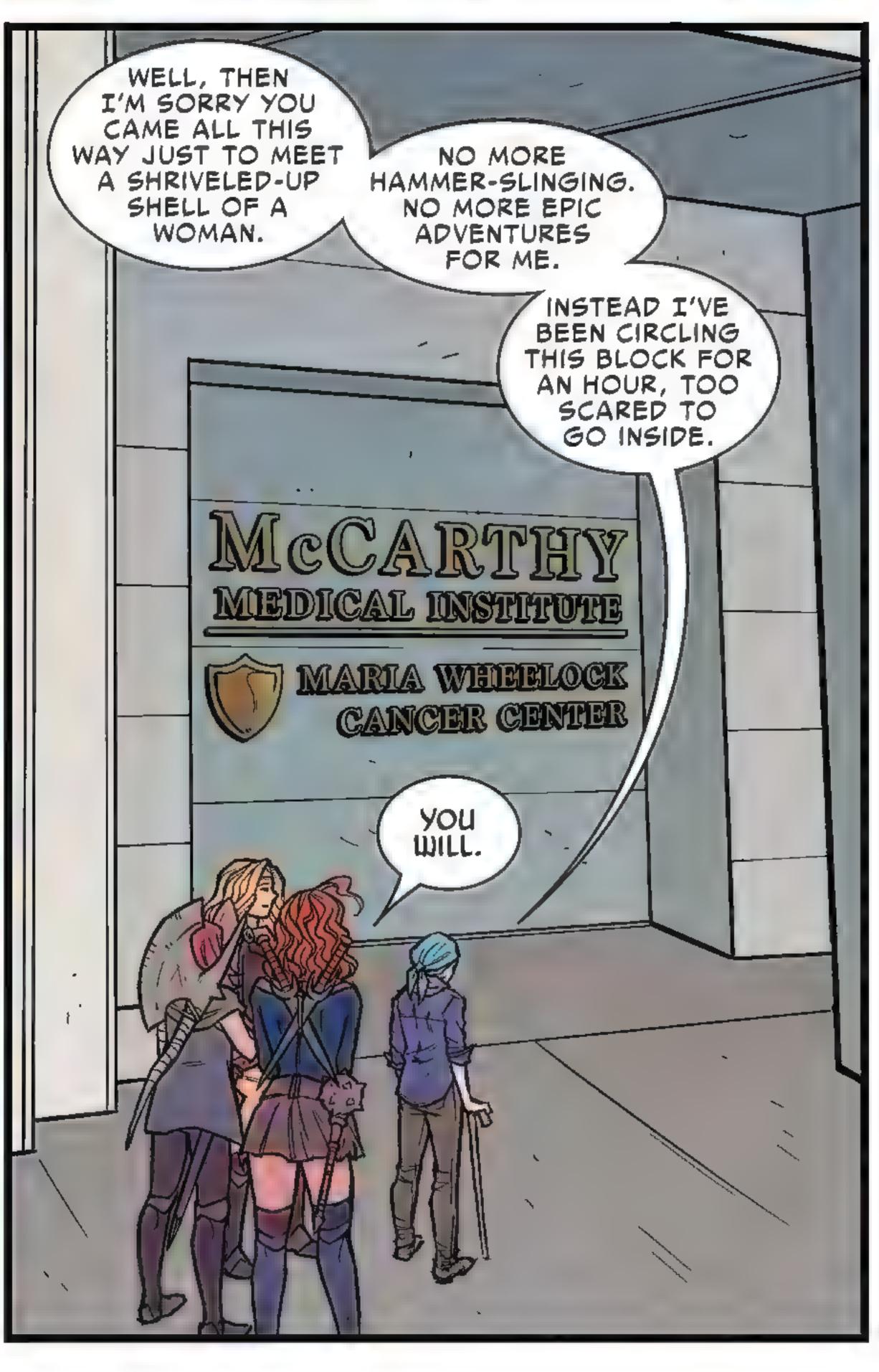


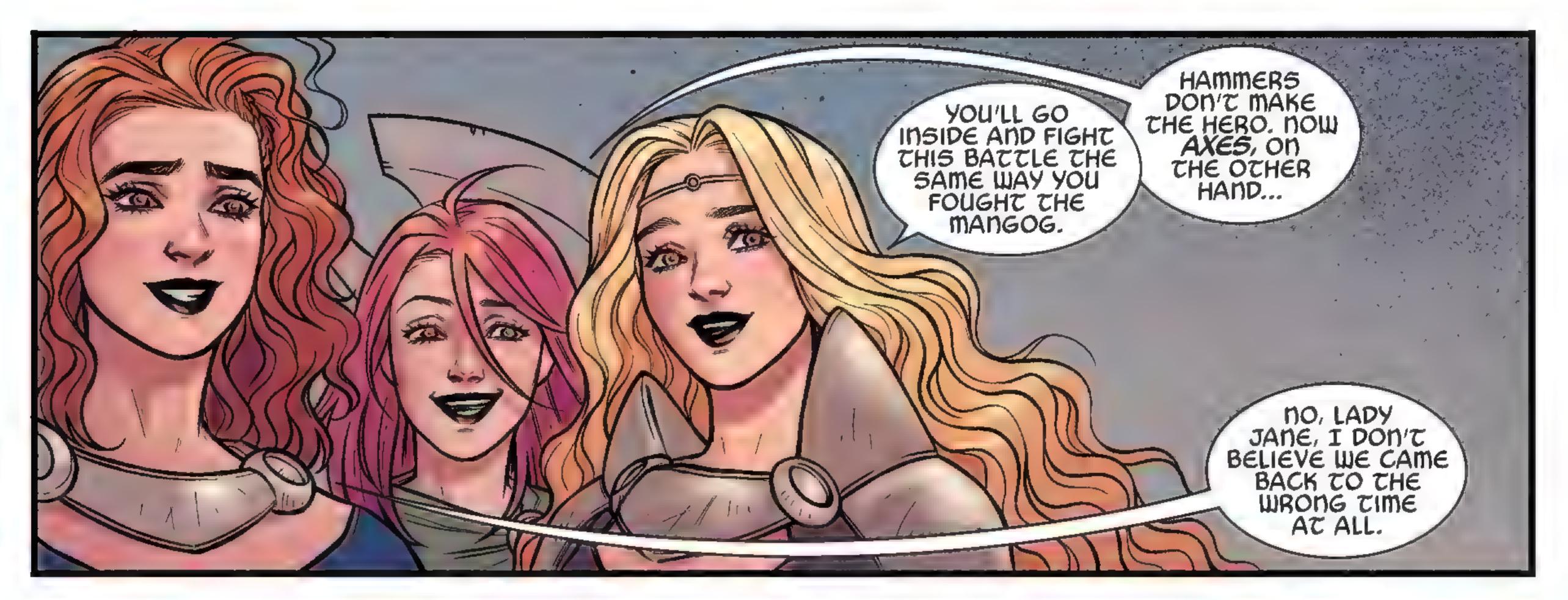




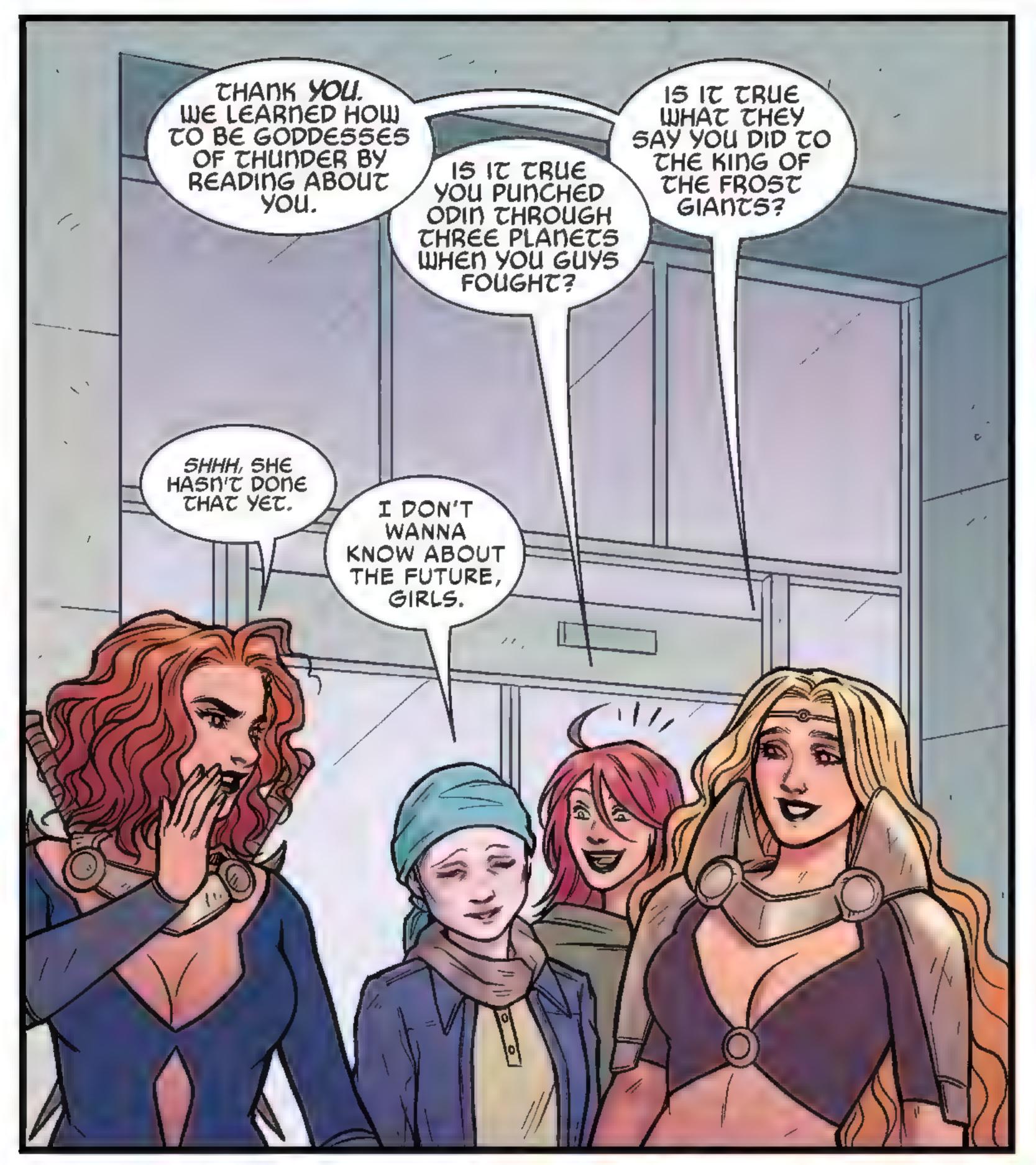












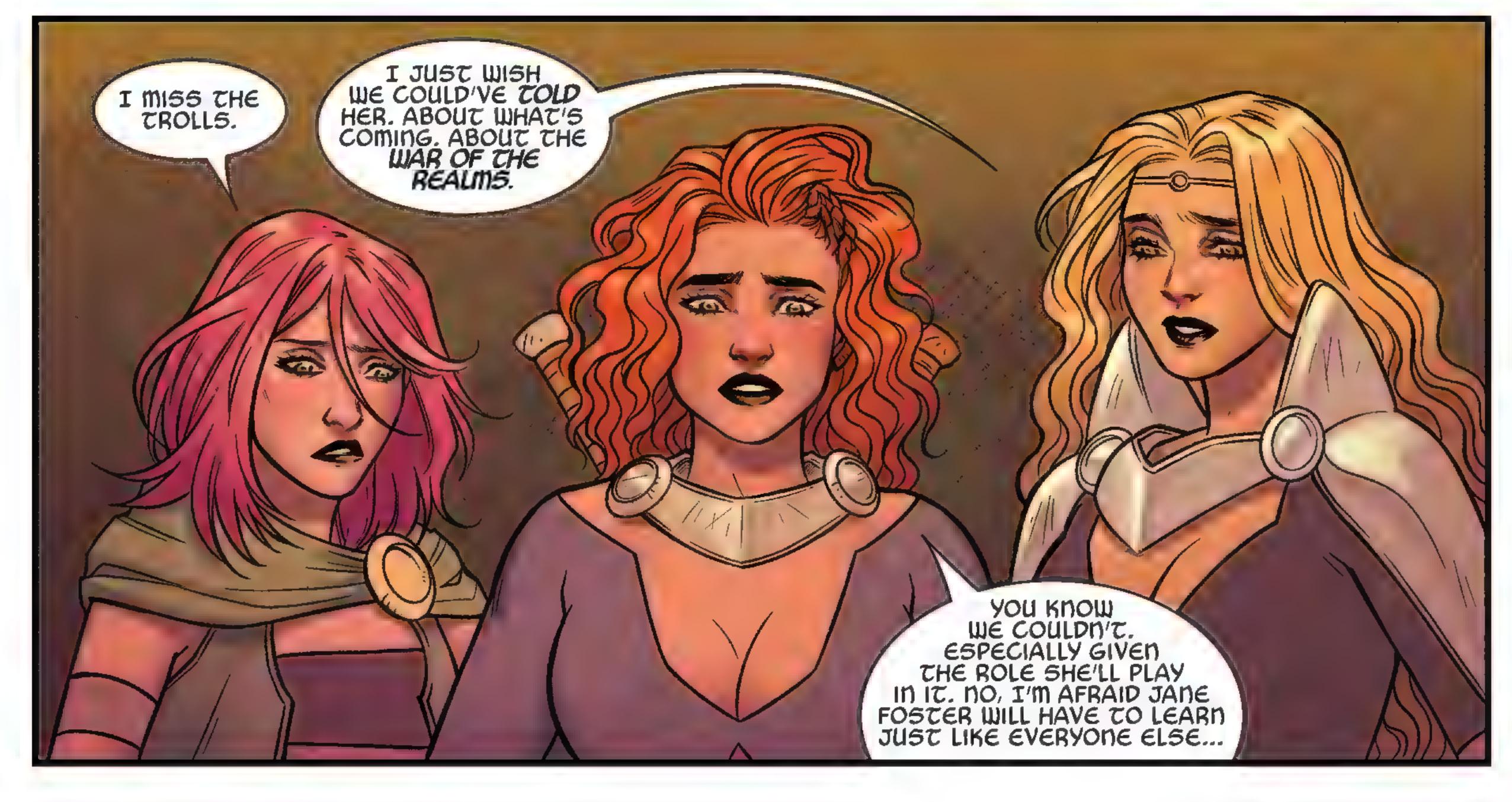


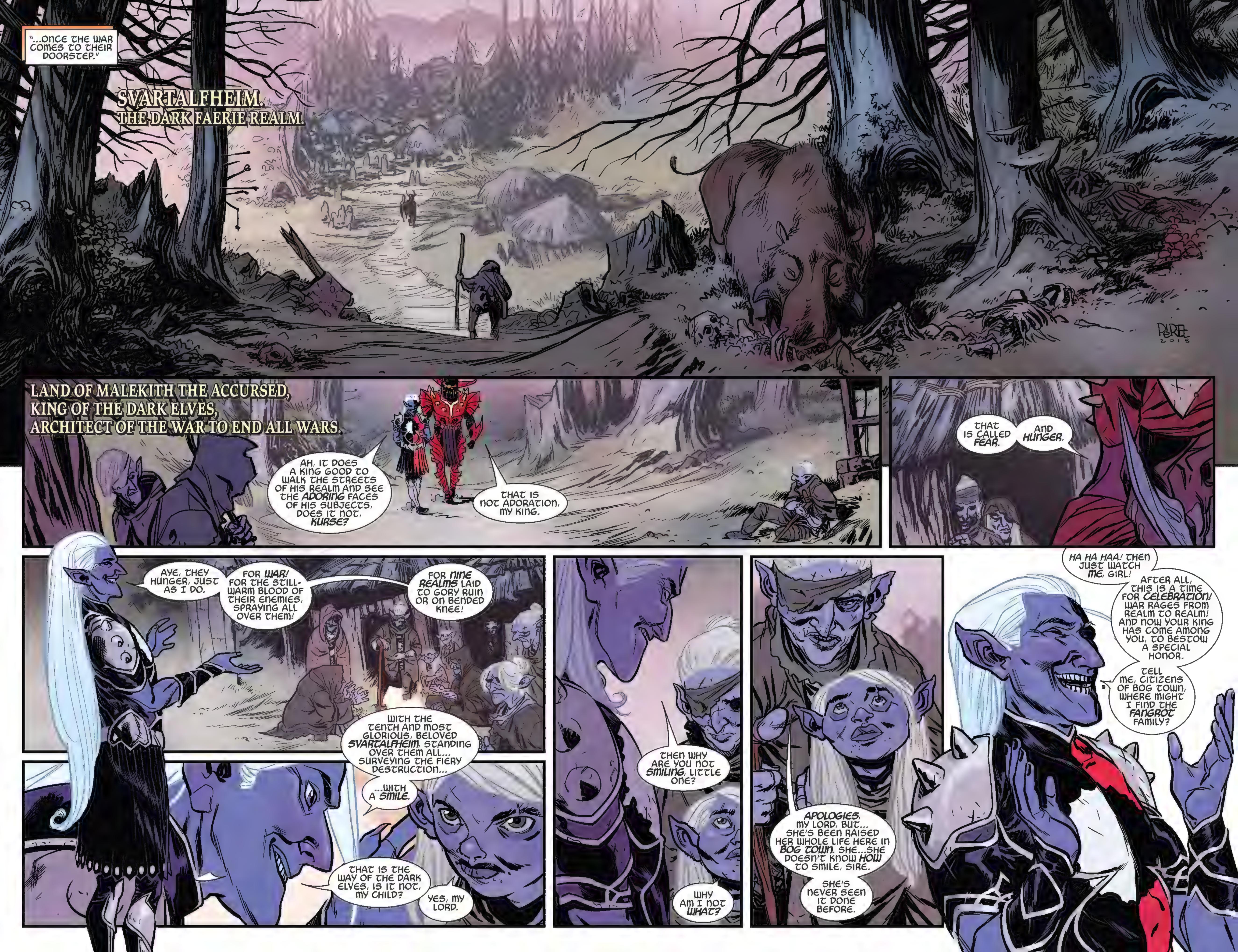


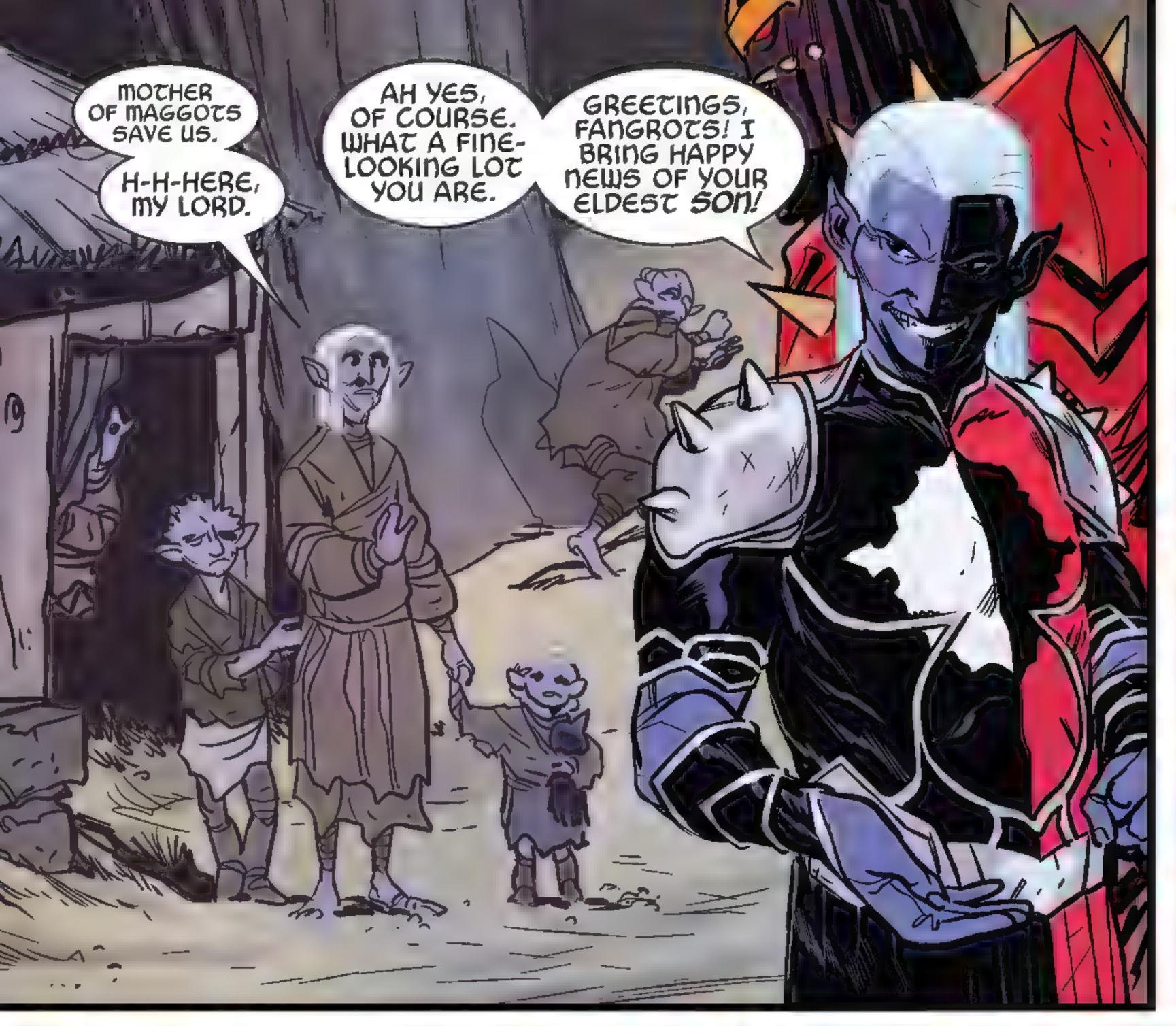




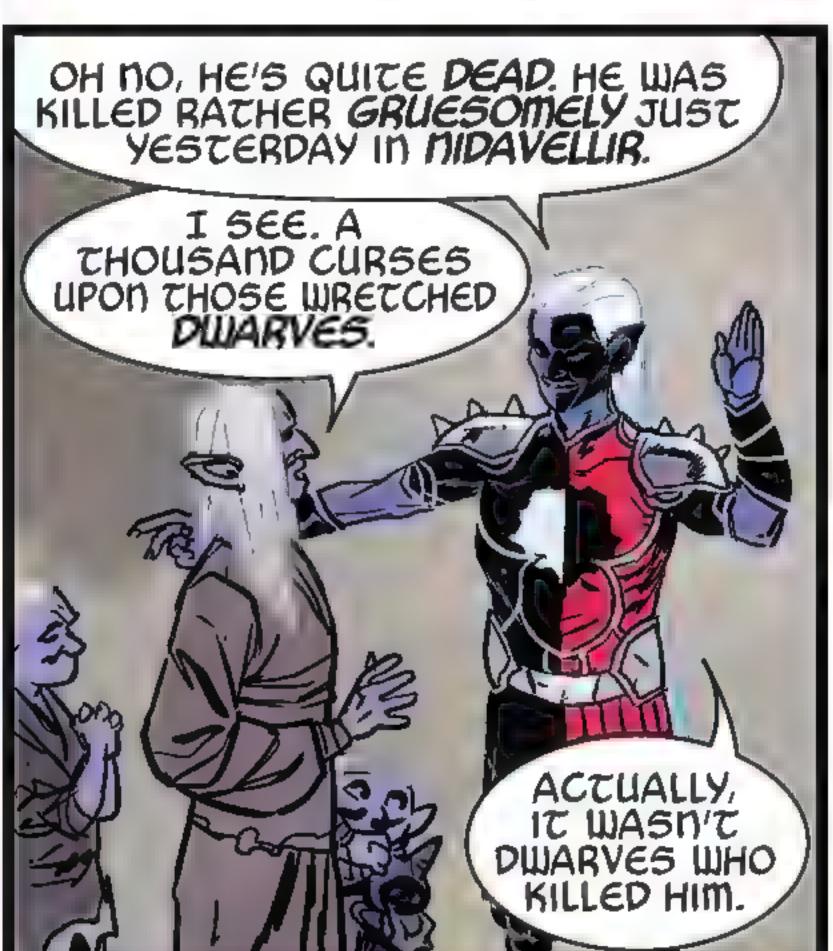






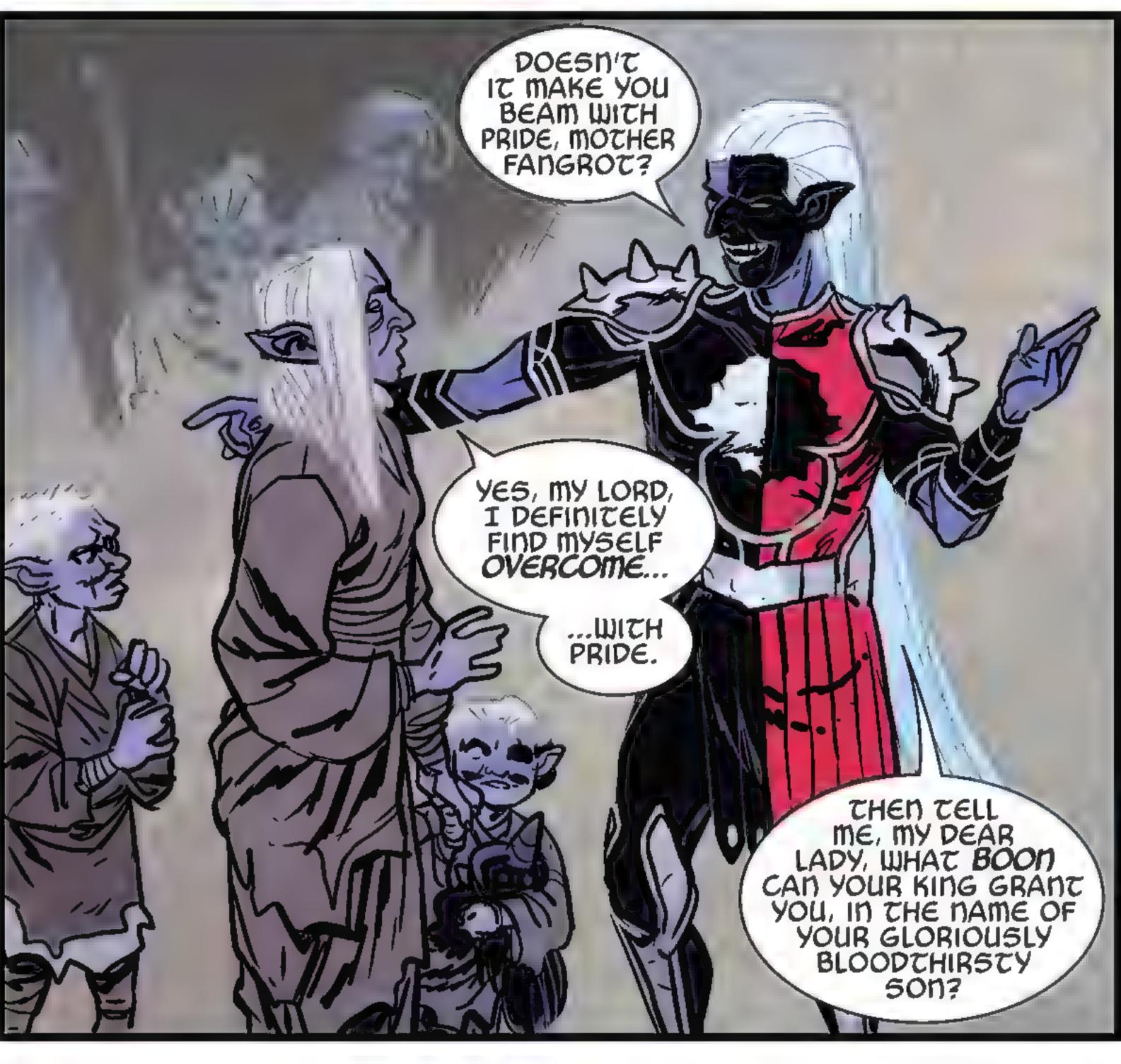










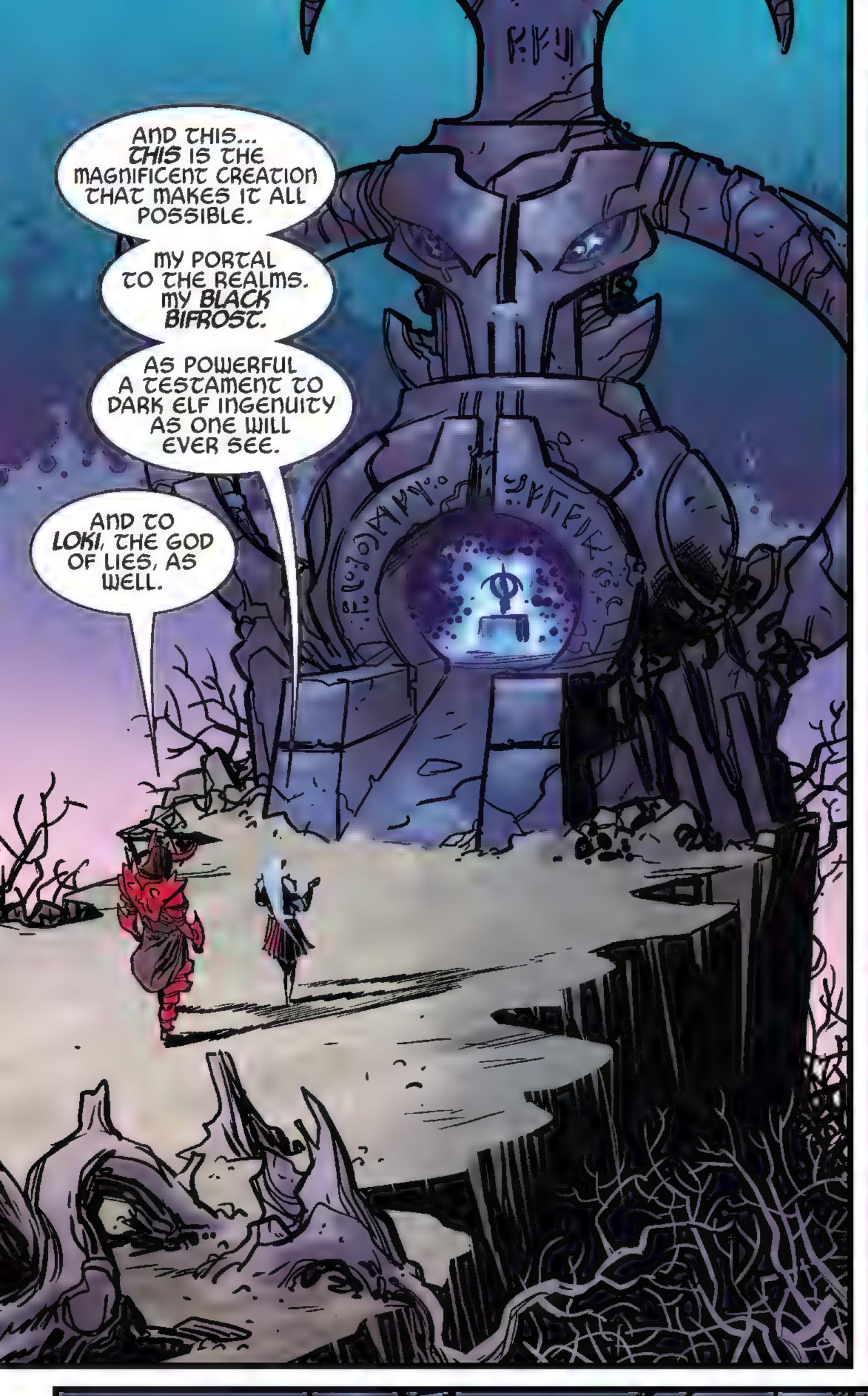




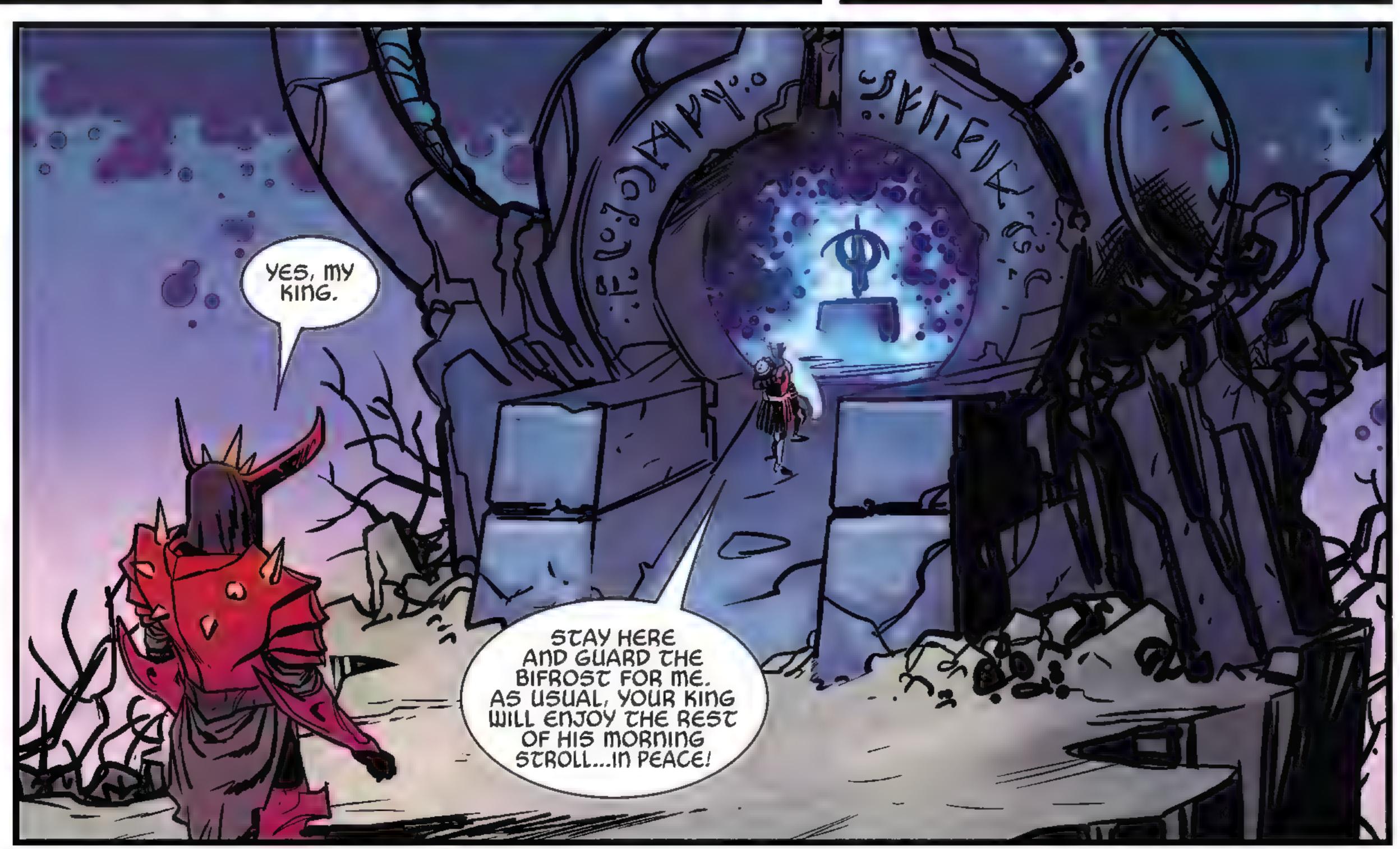


















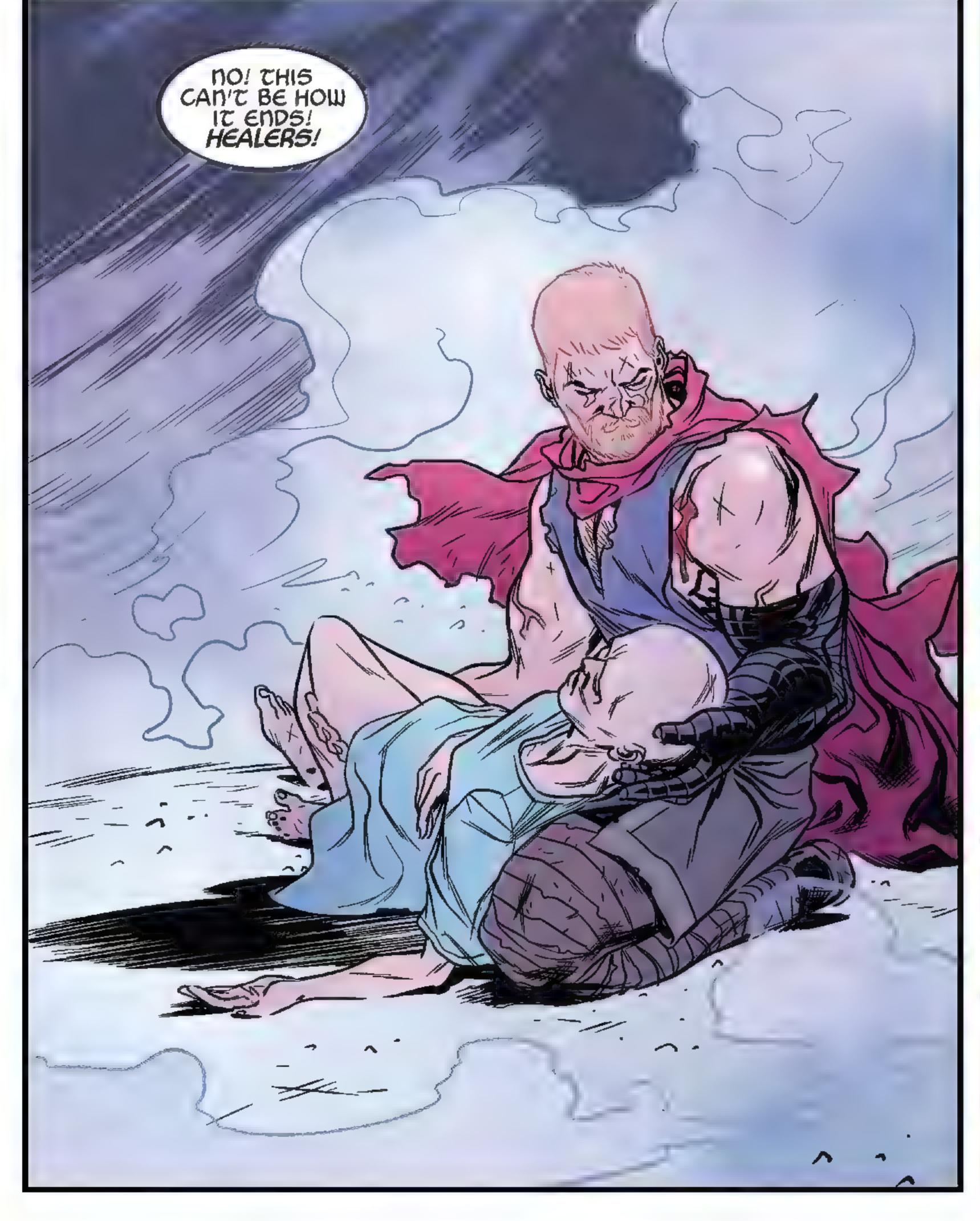






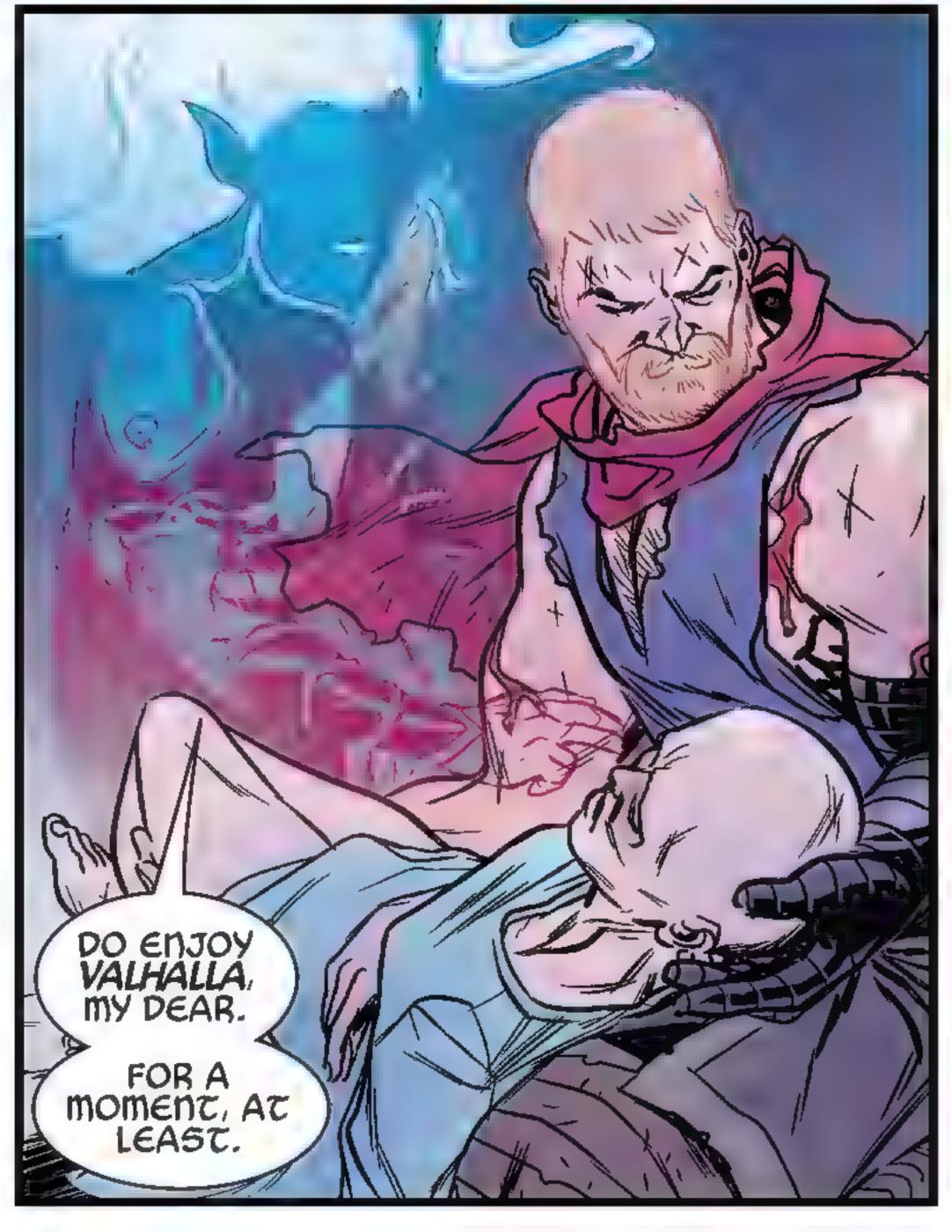










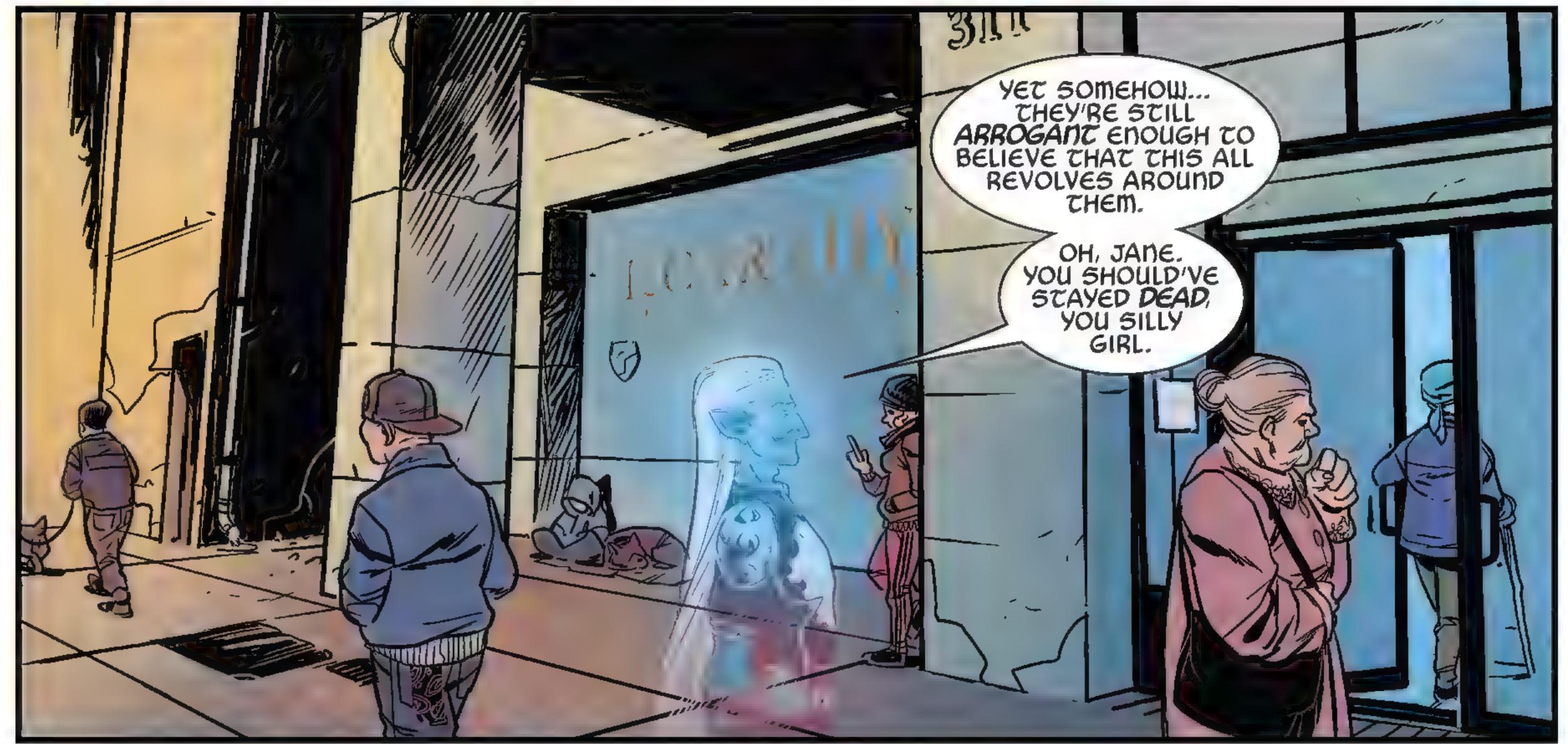


















# AND LO, THERE CAME THE ... HAMINATER GRANS

SEND LETTERS TO MHEROES@MARVEL.COM. DON'T FORGET TO MARK "OKAY TO PRINT"!

Quite a chilling final page, eh, readers?
Our thanks to this comic's two amazing artists, Jen Bartel (check out her "Harry Potter meets Riverdale" Image series Blackbird this October, and find more of her work at jenbartel.com) and Ramón Pérez (who's teaming up with Chip Zdarsky on an upcoming arc of MARVEL 2-IN-ONE starring the Fantastic Four – be sure to pick up issues #7-10 and look for more of his work at ramonperez.com). Hopefully they'll both visit the Ten Realms again before too long. (While there's still a Ten Realms to visit!)

As we send this issue off to print, we're a week away from MIGHTY THOR #706 hitting the shelves. We at MIGHTY THOR Headquarters can't wait to see your reactions to Jane's return and the passing of the mantle back to Odinson. Lots of you wrote in with love and heartbreak for Jane's story. Here are a few of our favorites.

Dear THOR people,

Truth be told, it's rare for a comic to really hit you emotionally. There's great action, great storytelling - but it still takes a lot for a comic to be so incredibly impactful. THOR #705 is one of those rare gems. Not just the lead up, or the action - everyone knew how the story titled "The Death of the Mighty Thor" was going to end. Jane Foster had cancer and had an expiration tag on her from the moment she picked up the hammer. Yet this was powerful not just because they were killing a character (or killing a whole mess of characters). This story painfully examined the role God, or in this case demigods, play in our lives. We have a monster, Mangog, tearing down Asgardia, bringing about a Ragnarok that was actually going to stick for once! Among the battle, previous issues showed how Jane's mother died of cancer regretting she never exposed her child to faith. We see later Jane's father die, and later more painfully her ex-husband and child die in an accident. She asks where Thor was. Why he couldn't have stopped it.

My mother has been facing many health challenges, and I'd be blind if I didn't expect something at some point to go wrong. Where will God (the actual God) be when that happens?

I guess we all face such things in life. In my faith we believe we are privy to a little

bit more beyond "things work in mysterious ways," as I know my mother will have life again with God, and that I'll see her again. But it doesn't make that initial question, where will God be when it happens and she dies, any easier.

Jane Foster stood up for the Gods who didn't answer her prayers, and saved them anyway. She died like expected, but what I didn't expect was how powerful the tale would be. I'm tearing up writing this, as it's stirred up so many emotions about death, God's role in our lives and everything else. Pretty good for just a comic book.

Erik Hollender Revere, MA

Dear marvelous, brilliant MIGHTY THOR team,

After having to give them up for monetary reasons in my mid-teens, I recently started following the wonderful world of Marvel comics once more. I knew that the first thing I needed to do was to get right back into Thor - so in I went to my local comic store and grabbed MIGHTY THOR #700. After working that down and catching up a bit with some back issues of Aaron's run, I'm back to being just as hooked as I was at 15. Even though I hadn't seen any of Jane as Thor until reading #700, I immediately cared about her and her plight deeply. These past few issues have moved me to tears every time, and picking up THOR has returned to being one of the highlights of my month.

So thanks, Aaron and team, for doing my favorite hero justice, and may whoever picks up the reigns after you bring just as much amazement and wonder to this reactivated comic fan!

James Aberdeen, Scotland

Dear Sarah, Jason & Russell,

Thank you so much for the whole Jane Foster/Thor saga, seeing a woman who was indeed worthy to lift a magic hammer. It's inspiring, but most of all, it shows to readers of all genders and latitudes anyone can be worthy. I'm gonna miss Jane Foster so much being the Goddess of Thunder. But think on

this: The groundbreaking stories you just finished in these issues shall inspire a lot of girls and young women like Jane, who battle every day to be the best, to be worthy, and they'll remember a strong but sick woman commanded the Thunder for these years and will be always remembered and missed.

Thank you so much for the mighty Goddess of Thunder saga. Much appreciated. All the best from this side of the Americas, our own small Asgardian haven.

Gracias!

Philip Salazar Fajardo Depto del Meta, Colombia

Dear MIGHTY THOR Team,

I've been reading comic books now for 40 years. I was fortunate to meet the most amazing woman ever eleven years ago, who has also been reading comic books since childhood. "The Death of the Mighty Thor" has compelled me to write to a comic book for the first time ever.

My wife, Carrie, has been fighting cancer for most of our eleven years together. It's gone into remission a few times but keeps coming back. She is currently at stage four with two tumors and cancer in her lymph nodes and intestines.

The way that your story arc has been presented with all of Dr. Jane Foster's strength, determination and grace under pressure is exactly the way my wife has fought cancer every time, always worried about me and our daughter and maintaining a positive attitude.

This story has brought us to tears, but I want to thank you for presenting it in such a real and courageous way. It is amazing and we are nervously awaiting #705.

Thank you, Gerald Shea Jr. Newman, CA

Okay, see you in a month, hammerheads, with THOR #1 - the start of a whole new tale of hammers and thunder and mead. You're gonna love what Jason's cooking up with new ongoing artist Mike del Mundo. Get your pull lists ready for June 13th!

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